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'WHY I NEARLY LEFT SPURS'

—Argentina star **RICARDO VILLA**

WHEN Ricardo Villa arrived in London soon after the 1978 World Cup, it was he, we all thought, who would make the bigger impact. The tiny Osvaldo Ardiles ... he'd done well for Argentina, but he was a bit small, wasn't he? The 27-year-old bearded Argentinian has, in fact, taken a year to come to terms with English football for one reason or another. In the meantime, we've all sat back and enjoyed Ardiles; Villa, however, has been worth waiting for.

Spurs' recent surge up the table can be put down to two things: the tightening of their back-four (notably Chris Hughton and Paul Miller), and the "arrival" of Villa.

It was against Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park on October 6th that Villa underlined what he can do.

Palace were top of the First Division; Spurs 20th. In the third minute, from the edge of the penalty-area, he let fly with almost no back-lift and the ball spun past a bewildered John Burridge.

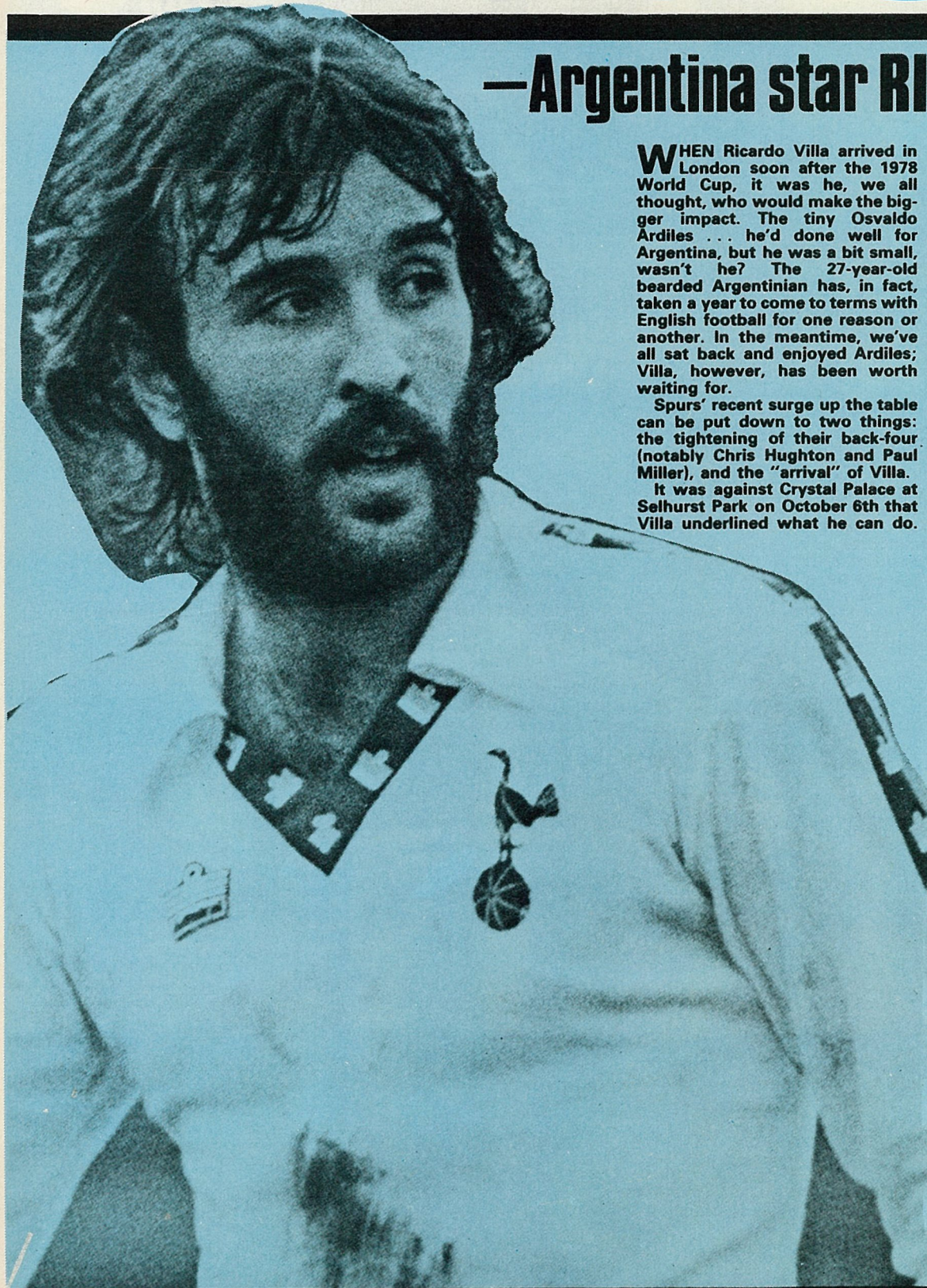
Afterwards, Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw said: "I've been on at Ricky to do that for ages. I've nagged him, pleaded with him, encouraged him, I knew he had it in him. I hope he does it more often now."

It wasn't just this goal that made those present and Match of the Day viewers take notice of Villa. His all-round performance was first-class. Previously, he had drifted in and out of matches, while the defensive side of his game left much to be desired. Suddenly it's all come good ...

It hasn't been easy for the likeable Villa. He's lived in the shadow of Ardiles, and Burkinshaw's insistence that "we have yet to see the best of Villa" left Spurs' fans wondering how long they'd have to wait, even though he scored on his debut against Nottingham Forest.

Last season they loved Ardiles and willed Villa to do well. Now, Villa is a hero in his own right. Not "the name that always follows Ardiles". Villa is very much his own man.

Despite his piratical appearance, he is easy going and smiles often.





Ricardo in action against Gerry Francis. It was against Palace that Villa "exploded".

He is very different to Ardiles as a person. Ardiles, the lawyer, has an alert brain and is a deep thinker. Villa is easy-going and more extrovert.

Villa's English is much better than he gives himself credit for, even if "my head explodes at the end of a day when I've had to speak a lot." On the field, Villa is not the sort of opponent to tangle with; off it, you'd be hard-pressed to find better company.

"It has been difficult for me," he admits. "I was always compared to Osvaldo and everything I did wasn't as good as him. I'd say this was more of a comparison than a problem, but it didn't help.

"If I'm playing better now it's because I have more confidence and the team as a unit is better. Last season I was often played out of position. Keith Burkinshaw wanted me to be a striker. I can play up-front, but I have to admit I didn't perform to the standard I think I should.

"The manager kept telling me

what a good player I was. He kept encouraging me. He wanted me to feel I was a striker. It didn't work. We never had an argument. Let's say it was a difference of opinion.

"At one time he asked me if I wanted to leave. I told him most of all I wanted to play regularly. I didn't like being sub each week. If the only way I could play first team football was by changing clubs, then maybe that was the answer. Keith asked me then where I wanted to go. I replied Spain or Argentina, because I can speak the language there.

"Now, everything is fine. There is no bitterness and I want to emphasise how happy I am. I never wanted to leave, just to play regularly to my full capacity."

Ardiles, who lives next door to Villa, helped his best friend through the bad time.

"It would have been much harder for us both had either been alone. It isn't nice to be surrounded by 25 people and you can't understand them and they

can't understand you. The language is okay now. Osvaldo and I are close friends and we helped each other.

"I knew him before the World Cup. It was during our preparation that we really got to know each other. The squad was together for four months in Jose C. Paz training centre. Osvaldo and I roomed together.

"What more can I say about him? Everyone knows what a great player he is. He'd do well for any team. I particularly like the way he can spot the opponents' weaknesses. Osvaldo has a far more developed mind than the average player. Not a typical footballer, you might say, but an excellent one."

Villa has often been cast in the role of the baddie. He goes in where it hurts and makes the most of his physical attributes. Millions of ITV viewers saw him recently

of us. They certainly helped me. Even though I would have liked to have done better, they chanted my name and 'Ar-gen-tina'. It meant a lot to me.

"I've seen many top players since I arrived. I'd say there are ten players of the highest class in England, ten just below them, another ten just below them and the rest roughly the same. And the standard is high throughout the League."

Villa was born in Jorge Perez in the province of Buenos Aires. His parents owned a ranch and grew up in the country, although not too far from the capital city. He played football with his cousins whenever he could and has always wanted to be a footballer.

He continues: "My parents weren't too keen on the idea. They didn't like me devoting everything to football, but they helped me in every way they could. A teacher



Villa and Ardiles ... together, as usual.

against Nottingham Forest, first protecting Ardiles after Osvaldo had been fouled; and then coming within a whisker of making Kenny Burns very much regret an appalling tackle on him. Take away that aggression, and you take away the heart of Villa.

"I don't think English football is dirty. You should see what goes on back home. Considering the number of clashes in a game here, there are very few injuries. There isn't the bad intent there is in the Argentinian game.

"In Argentina, once a team scores a goal, it defends it. In England, when you are 1-0 up you try to make it 2-0 and so on. The spectacle is greater here. The players in Argentina are better technically, but sadly, too often they use their skill in other ways.

"I also like the competitiveness of the First Division. Any of the 22 teams can beat each other. You can never call any game 'easy'.

"If there is one aspect of the Argentinian style I'd like to see more of here, it is what we call the pause. English football is so fast, too fast at times, and I'd like to see players look round and think a little more, to slow things down. But the crowd keep urging you forward.

"The supporters here are fantastic. Last season wasn't a particularly good one for Spurs, yet they stayed loyal and never got on top

called Anibal Diaz influenced me a lot in my formative years. Since then, César Menotti and his assistant Pizzarotti have given me confidence and stability."

Villa played for three professional clubs in Argentina, Quilmes and Racing of Buenos Aires, and Atlético Tucumán in the North.

He wasn't a regular in the World Cup, coming on as sub against Poland and Brazil (ironically, for Ardiles).

Villa would like to play for his country again, but appreciates that being in England restricts his chances. He and Ardiles are half-way through their three-year contracts. And then ...?

"I honestly couldn't tell you. It's impossible to say what will happen so far ahead. We have no plans to go or stay. At the moment, I'm happy to be playing regularly and I'd love to help Spurs win something, or at the least qualify for Europe.

"England is a grand place to live. The people are so friendly and have a lot of respect for each other. We're left alone, no one bothers us.

"I'll be a father next year and we like to stay in, chat to friends or watch television. I can understand most of it now, except the humour!"

Ricardo Villa still has a lot to laugh about these days, though.

CHRIS DAVIES



Villa (far left) training during the World Cup, watched by Argentina manager Menotti.

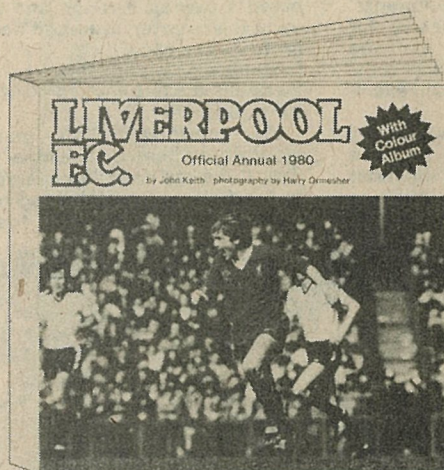
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GEORGE BEST is almost as popular with Manchester United fans today as he was a few years ago when his incredible skills and talents established him as Britain's star attraction.

If the prodigal son returned to the United fold Old Trafford would burst at the seams.

I understand there was some talk a while back of the club granting George a testimonial. Nothing came of it in the end, which was hardly surprising considering the problems he caused for United towards the end of his successful, but controversial career with them.

Their wayward genius didn't exactly endear himself to the management at the time with his antics and disappearing acts.

Despite his past reputation I certainly wish Bestie was playing today. I know he wants to return to the game after an unhappy spell in the United States.

He's so keen to get back that he recently revealed to me, and then viewers of ITV's Saturday soccer programme "Headlines" that he would be willing to play for nothing for a trial period.

If he falters during that time the

club could simply "sling me out on my neck."

I met George recently when he called into Old Trafford one morning after training.

He often pops in to see his old friends on the playing and ground staff when he's in the city on business.

I've chatted to Bestie several times in the past, of course, and played against him for Leeds United, but this was the first real opportunity I'd had of sitting down and speaking to him at length.

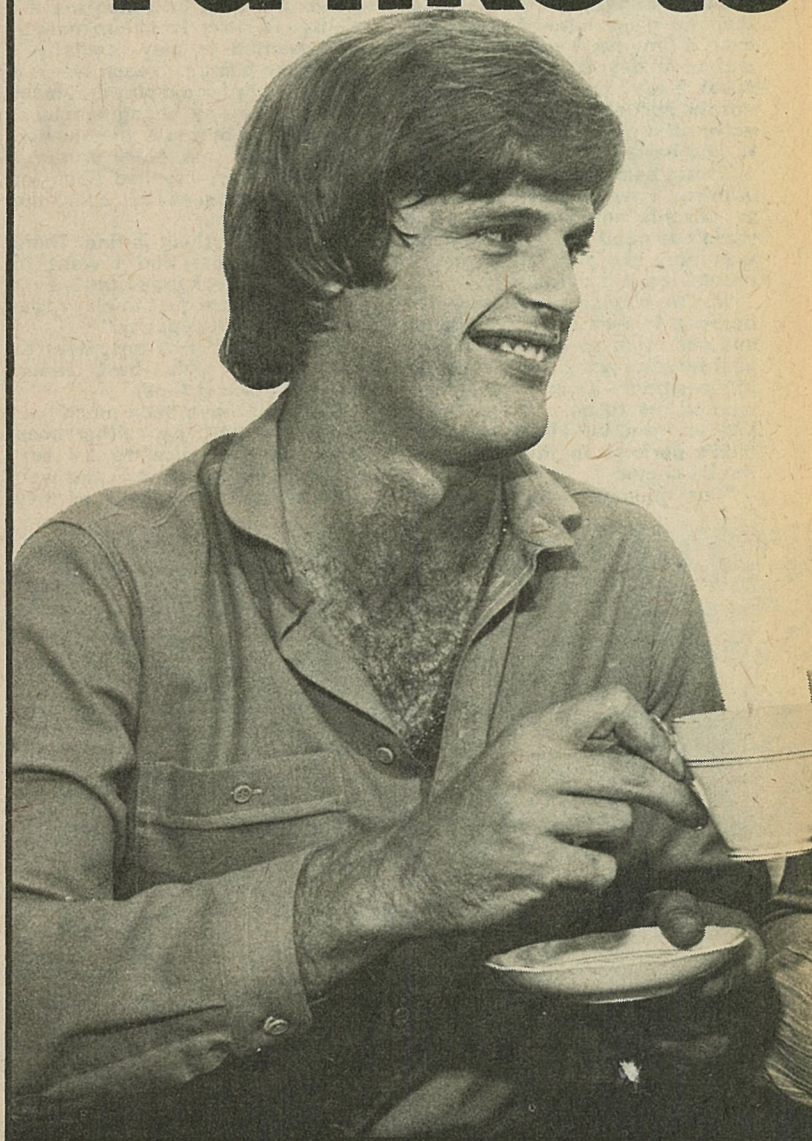
Do you know, when Lou Macari, one of his old United team-mates, told me he was coming in and wanted to meet me, I was as excited and nervous as any fan.

Let's face it, George is still a bigger name than any of the United first team and even we established

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'I'd like to



internationals, or so-called First Division stars, hold him in awe.

He's idolised in Manchester. I've seen him at matches being mobbed by supporters. They ignore mere mortals such as Martin Buchan and I when Bestie's back in town.

I believe his last game in the First Division was six years ago, but time and the high life don't appear to have had much of an effect on his physique.

"I came back from Los Angeles in pretty good condition," he told me over a cup of tea in the Old Trafford canteen.

"Despite what people say of me, I'm only six pounds over my playing weight, which isn't that bad."

Like most people I would love to see George back in first class football. I understand several First Division clubs, Hibernian and one in Ireland had made offers which he's been considering.

Obviously George is not the same player he was eight or nine years ago when he was at his dazzling best and the biggest name, and personality in the country.

He was soccer's first real superstar... and was treated like royalty. He even had a column in SHOOT.



Los Angeles Aztecs benefited from George's talents but he belongs in the English First Division.

George quit too early... and he knows it. But ironically his disappearance from the soccer scene in England has made his name even more of a legend. He's become almost a cult figure.

There's no doubt his track record wasn't too good over the last years of his career with United and Fulham, who still hold his registration and want something like £200,000 in any proposed transfer deal.

But as George told me: "Most of my problems stemmed from off the field activities. I always tried to do my job on it."

Bestie has been training with Fulham in a determined effort to get back into shape.

If he does make a comeback then I hope it's with a First Division club... for George's sake.

His speed has gone, but the skills are still there. He will need top class players around him, men who will play to him and utilise his vast talents.

Playing in midfield I'm sure he would be a valuable asset to any side.

And think of the crowds he'd attract. Whichever club took him on

staring in at me.

"I enjoyed going to discos and being with the girls, but what healthy 20-year-old wouldn't?"

Whatever his faults all top professionals in the game have to be grateful to him for one thing... he opened up the whole commercial world for players.

This is an accepted part of our lives now, but at the time when George burst on to the scene with such a dramatic effect no one realised what the extra pressures and responsibilities could mean.

At times he felt he had to get away, be on his own. So he escaped by running away and hiding.

I'm not condoning what he did, or making excuses for him, but if only George had been married earlier, and had a good stable home life this would have deterred the hangers on, restricted his business interests, given him another purpose in life.

He couldn't even turn to his parents because they were back in Ireland.

Bestie is an intelligent, quietly spoken, generous person who enjoys a laugh and a joke with his mates. Above all he's passionate about football.

There's no doubt he would jump at the chance of playing for a First Division club, especially Manchester United. But that will never happen. I'll tell you this, though, his love affair with The Red Devils has never died. He still feels very deeply about the club.

Charity

I'd love to play in the same team as George. Perhaps we will one day... in a charity match. Promoters and testimonial committees please take note!

This Saturday (November 24th) Manchester United entertain Norwich City at Old Trafford in a game when we hope to gain revenge.

The Canaries knocked United out of this season's League Cup when they beat us 4-1 at Carrow Road in the Third Round.

We really wanted to do well in the competition this season and were extremely disappointed to have been eliminated so early.

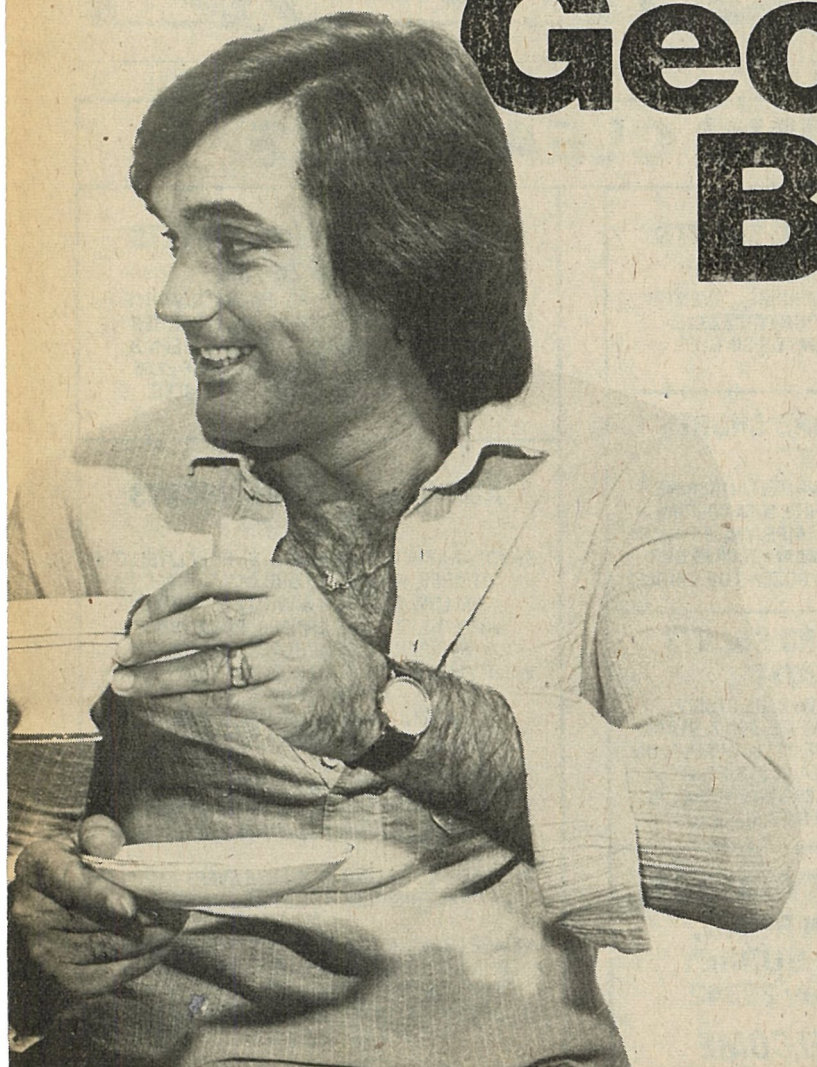
The First Division is a different proposition to the League Cup, especially when you're in the Championship race.

I've every respect for manager John Bond, and Norwich are never easy, but they'll find a stronger, more determined Manchester United on this occasion.

They way we've been playing lately, especially at home, I must take United to win and maintain our challenge at the top of the League.

You never know, George Best might even be at Old Trafford to cheer us on. Hope so...

play alongside George Best'



would soon recover their investment... with dividends.

Obviously the final decision lies with George, and as you read this he may already be fixed up with a club, but in my view he would be wasting his time in the Second, Third or Fourth Divisions.

Sure gates would shoot up... for a while. Playing in a mediocre team would make Bestie look an average player.

George is more aware than anyone of his past limitations and the fact some people would be pleased if he failed, but this could make him even more determined to succeed. I just hope some manager is brave enough to take a chance on him.

I asked George what went wrong before... why he was so unreliable.

He shrugged his shoulders, sighed and said quietly: "Gordon you wouldn't believe what life was like. I felt a prisoner, even in my own house. It was like living in a fish-bowl."

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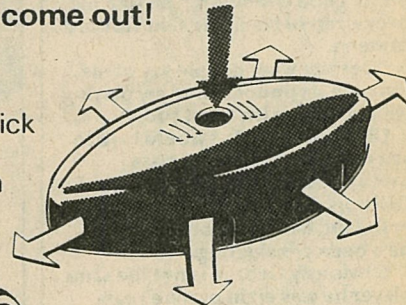


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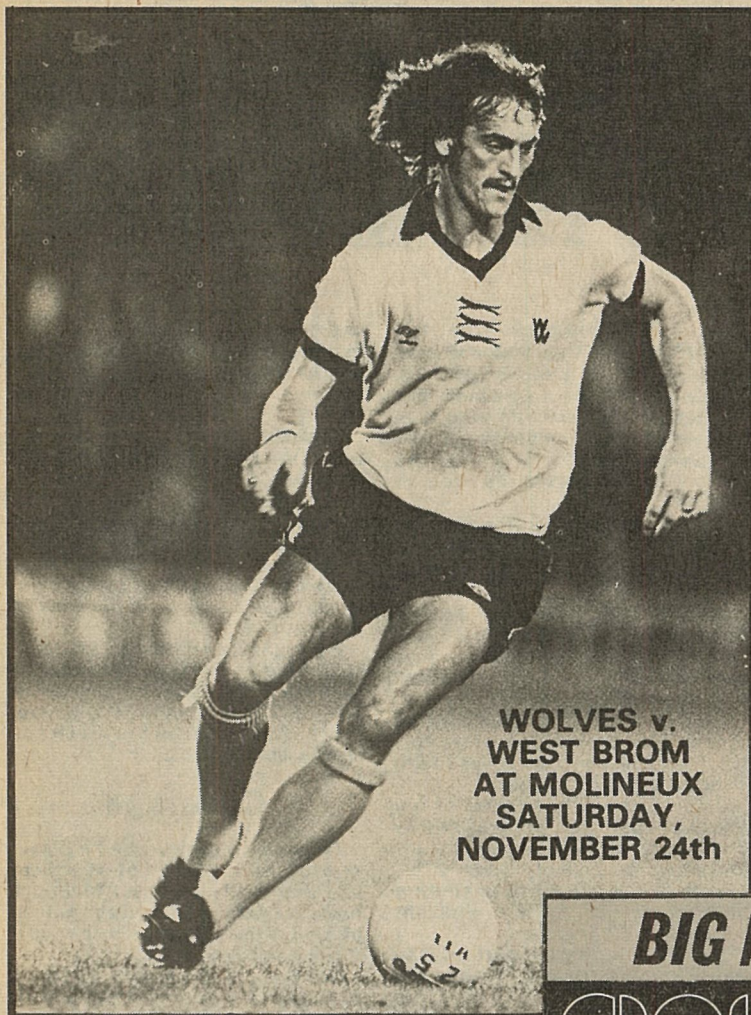
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KENNY HIBBITT Wolves

'A hard midfield battle'

OWEN: I haven't had a lot of experience in Midland "derbies", apart from West Brom's match at Aston Villa earlier this season. But I've played for Manchester City against Manchester United, and I know one thing is certain — position in the League doesn't matter at all in these games.

HIBBITT: That's true. But our position at the end of 90 minutes in the last meeting between Wolves and Albion at Molineux wasn't so good. West Brom hammered us 4-0 on that occasion, and in excuse for our display that day, I can only say that the Wolves' morale was low at a time when we were struggling to put our game together. We hope to be in better shape for Saturday's match.

OWEN: I'm not expecting any walk-over for West Brom, because with Emlyn Hughes in your defence, you are tighter at the back this term. I think Emlyn is the perfect type of professional for any youngster to learn from, and my own game benefited from talks I had with him when he was with the England team and I was with the Under-21's. So I'm aware of the influence he has had with Wolves.

HIBBITT: Emlyn has done a terrific job at organising our defence, which at one time was too ready to attack and leave gaps. Now we are giving less room to opposing forwards, but at the right moment our defenders will still go forward — we are not committed to static defence.

OWEN: On your own ground, I look to you coming at us. Wolves have men like Andy Gray and John Richards up-front to score goals, and we will be counting on John Wile and Alistair Robertson to keep an eye on them.

HIBBITT: Both Andy and John have had problems through being injured and out of the game for spells, and it has taken time for them to regain their old form. But recently, they have shown signs that they are near their best, and they will be all out to make their presence felt on Saturday. You mention John Wile and Alistair Robertson, and they aren't easy to outwit. John is a tremendous influence at the back, and Ally is always aggressive, not dirty, and totally committed. Taken all round, this match isn't easy to predict — it could end up 0-0 or 3-3.

OWEN: I've a feeling there could be a few goals scored because of the potential scorers in both teams. As a midfield man, Kenny, I know you personally like to push forward and can get goals. And for West Brom, there is Bryan Robson, Tony Brown and myself who will also be trying to get on target. As a side, we believe in attacking at home and away, which is what we do best. If we attempted to concentrate on defence the result would probably be a total disaster for us.

HIBBITT: I know what you mean. However, the very fact that each team has respect for the attacking qualities of the other could mean a wariness on both sides, that could result in the game ending goalless. And the final outcome is important to Wolves and West Brom, as we are determined to keep up among the leaders, and you are aiming at making up for the ground you lost earlier in the season.

OWEN: Well, we came up against Manchester United, Liverpool and Nottingham Forest, all tough matches. After them, we found ourselves at the wrong end of the League table, a situation we are now trying to put right. By Christ-

mas the table will be more settled and our position improved.

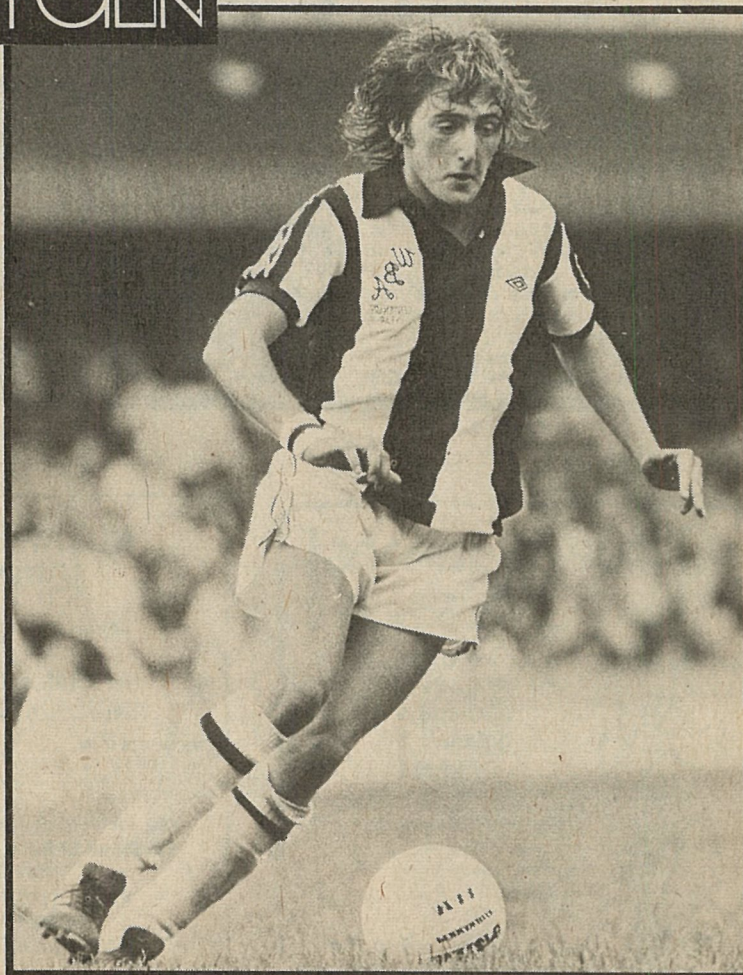
HIBBITT: We'll try to make sure you don't improve your position at our expense! The midfield struggle will probably decide the outcome and it will be hard. I admire your flair and the work of the outstanding Bryan Robson, but Willie Carr and I will be hoping to make this result the right one for us.

OWEN: We won't receive any special pre-match briefing for this game. Our manager Ron Atkinson will tell us to enjoy ourselves and look for goals. Our fans will be at Molineux in force and on the field we'll attempt to collect the two points that are precious to us — we have to prove those people wrong who wrote us off as title-contenders a few weeks ago.

HIBBITT: Wolves, too, have something to prove, that we are on the way to regaining the reputation that made Molineux the ground that other clubs hated to visit. We want to scrub out the impression that we have recently been a soft touch — from now on, I would like to see a trip to Molineux be one that is feared by our rivals.

'Defence could mean disaster for us'

GARY OWEN
West Brom



EVERY manager has his favourite players. He probably won't admit it — but unlike the teacher/pupil relationship it's not usually the sort of mutual admiration society to generate jealousy.

After all a manager is bound to express his gratitude to players helping to keep him in employment. In return a good player with a regular spot is sure to respond to a boss singing his praises.

The one extraordinary fact is that more often than not the player a manager appreciates is not the goalscoring headline-grabber. No, more likely it will be a dependable sort of chap who turns in immaculate performances week-in and week-out with little fuss and no glamour.

A perfect example is Paul Madeley, the quiet man of Leeds United, and nowadays the club's elder statesman.

Although Bremner and Giles, Clarke and Jones, Hunter and Cooper, Lorimer and Gray all won more praise, and were more eye-catching and flamboyant, it was Madeley who was the apple of Don Revie's eye.

Position

Little wonder when you realise that Madeley could always be called on by Revie to play anywhere (goalkeeper is the only position he hasn't tried).

Incapable of an ounce of malice, Madeley was described by Revie as the Rolls-Royce of his side — and that was some compliment.

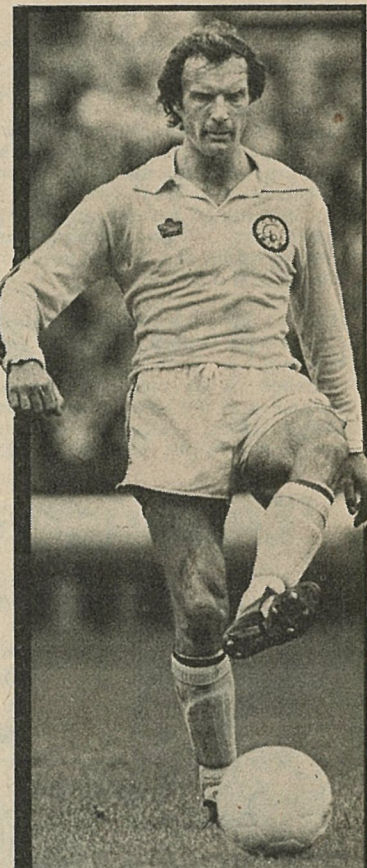
His successor (forgetting Cloughie's 44 days) Jimmy Armfield, said: "Paul Madeley is the best professional footballer I have ever known. He never gave any trouble to another player or any of his managers, and he is the model for everyone to follow."

Now Jimmy Adamson is discovering just what Revie and Armfield meant, and during his first season at Elland Road, no one gave him better service than Paul Madeley.

Ron Atkinson has good reason to have several favourites at West Brom — after all his reputation for having the Midas touch has been furthered by all the men he has moulded into such a successful unit at the Hawthorns.

It would be reasonable to suppose that Brendon Batson, the

PLAYERS



"No one gives better service than Paul Madeley." — JIMMY ADAMSON.

West Indian full-back who followed him from Cambridge United and adapted so well to the First Division would be a particular pet — likewise Cyrille Regis who was plucked from anonymity in the non-League to become one of the most feared strikers in the Football League.

Yet if you pushed Ron into an answer he'd probably come up with the names of older men at The Hawthorns.

He was staggered when Alistair Robertson — "the best uncapped sweeper in the business" — was not named in Scotland's World Cup squad for Argentina.

And he was "thrilled" when striker Ally Brown was rewarded for "running a million miles" with over 20 goals last season.

John Wile — "a product of my youth policy!" and Tony Brown — "he's had his hair permed to try and make the England Under-21's" are others to earn the unstinting admiration of the ebullient Atkinson.

Up in that hardy part of the world where Bolton Wanderers play their football, they sing the praises of Frank Worthington and Alan Gowling — hardly surprising in view of their crop of golden goals last year.

Yet equally important to the plans of Ian Greaves is the form of his namesake Roy.

Over several seasons now Roy Greaves has been turning out in the famous white shirt of The Trotters and he has never given less than his best and has managed to be a model of consistency.

Whether in midfield or up-front Roy has managed to maintain a regular flow of goals that have helped Wanderers regain their status at the very top having slithered as low as the Third Division.

Believe it or not the Roy Greav-

eses of this world are few and far between, but Gordon Milne reckons he's lucky enough at Coventry to have a man out of the same mould.

Arguably his best-ever buy has been full-back Bobby McDonald from Aston Villa. The original bargain, McDonald has improved steadily season by season, gaining so much in confidence he now rates among the best number threes in the game, having been virtually unheard of at the time of his move.

Partly because they're still consolidating in the First Division and partly because they're located in one of soccer's outposts, Bristol City haven't enjoyed too much collective limelight either.

Coverage

Only when they've had a player sent-off or found a hat-trick hero like Joe Royle or Kevin Mabbutt, have the Ashton Gate club enjoyed (if that's the right word) national Press coverage.

Yet throughout their long battle to climb out of the Second Division, and now since attainment, Gerry Gow, Don Gillies and Gerry Sweeney have given sterling service and loyalty to Alan Dicks.

Gow, in particular, was inspired to greater things last season, and his constant presence is a blessing for the club.

Amid all Manchester City's troubles last season various players were in the news and every day at Maine Road seemed to bring a new trauma.

Yet Tommy Booth just got on with his job and did his best in a struggling side.

Tommy is another of those exemplary characters who has plugged many a gap in his time and it's a fair bet that while he was going through his difficult patch,

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MANAGERS ADMIRE

Malcolm Allison would have settled for half-a-dozen Tommy Booths around him.

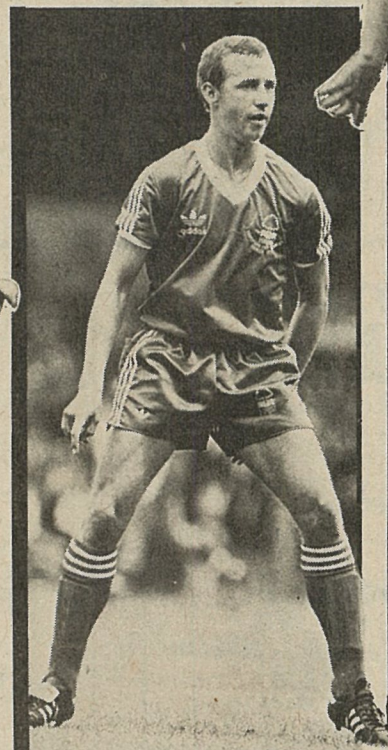
A similar type is Southampton defender Malcolm Waldron.

Ever-present last season Malcolm even started scoring goals towards the end of the campaign and he's one of the unsung men in Lawrie McMenemy's squad who've helped keep Saints in the forefront of First Division action despite lack of resources and tradition.

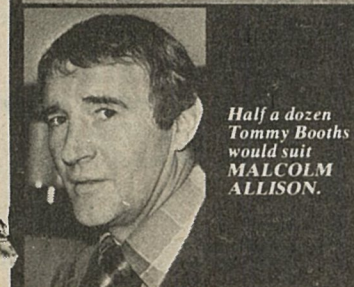
Another of those who has grown in stature with maturity and the knowledge that he has a regular place, Waldron is a vital part of Southampton's future.

One man who has been around a little longer is David Armstrong, equally important to the plans of John Neal at Middlesbrough.

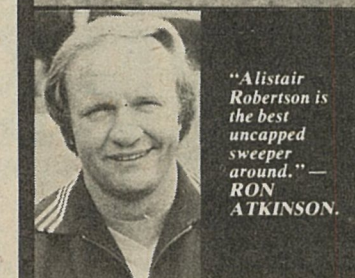
Armstrong has gone longer than any other player in the First Division since missing a match, and can always be relied upon to pose a threat to any defence.



John McGovern would probably go to Timbuktu to follow **BRIAN CLOUGH!**



Half a dozen Tommy Booths would suit **MALCOLM ALLISON.**



"Alistair Robertson is the best uncapped sweeper around." — **RON ATKINSON.**



David Armstrong... important to the plans of manager **JOHN NEAL.**

One of the best crossers of a ball in the game with that trusty left peg of his, Armstrong is perhaps unlucky not to have won honours in the game, but despite that balding thatch he's young enough still to do so.

Perhaps the best example of all, though, of a player who almost

shrinks from publicity, yet is regarded as indispensable by his manager is Nottingham Forest's John McGovern.

It is common knowledge that wherever Brian Clough goes, assistant manager Peter Taylor goes too, and the same could be said of John McGovern.

He has played for Clough at Hartlepool, Derby, Leeds and Forest, and the betting is that if Clough went to Timbuktu, McGovern would follow.

There is a story that in one match John had an absolute nightmare first-half, but just before the interval hit a gorgeous 40-yard pass straight to the foot of his winger.

In the dressing-room Clough, who might well have given his

players a rollicking, restricted his comments to: "That was the best pass I've ever seen."

His psychological ploy worked and McGovern went out and played like a demon instead of a drain.

That approach wouldn't have worked on every player, but it was just right in this instance — a great illustration of how a manager and his favourite player can have unique rapport.

Brighton have not made the best of starts to their first season in Division One, and after their recent 4-1 home defeat by Liverpool, manager Alan Mullery slammed several of his side for lack of effort.

One man exempt from that criticism, however, was skipper Brian Horton, the club's longest-serving player and a model of consistency in Brighton's surge from the Third Division after years in the soccer wilderness.

These, then, are just some of the players managers admire. Doubtless there are dozens more to be found giving their all every week, continuing to earn the respect and admiration of the man who matters — the boss.

This week's Star Letter comes from Tony Kavanagh of Middlesbrough, who wins our Special Prize of £5. He writes:

DEDUCT POINTS FROM SINNERS

★ ACCORDING to statistics, the 1978-79 record of misbehaviour on the field may be beaten this season. It is obvious, therefore, that the system of punishments as it is, simply isn't strong enough.

I suggest that when a club reaches 100 disciplinary points, instead of a fine it should have two points deducted from the League total.

I feel sure rampant ill-discipline can be put down to over-anxious directors putting the emphasis solely on success. Measures must be taken to clean-up our game — quickly.

● I admire your sentiment, but we don't want players becoming nicey-nice "robots", afraid of physical contact in case they're booked. If referees punish foul play correctly and severely; and players adopted a more sporting attitude; many of the game's problems would be solved.

Sportsmanship

CONGRATULATIONS, if belated, to the Queens Park Rangers players, who showed remarkable sportsmanship towards young Burnley 'keeper Billy O'Rourke

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after their 7-0 victory.
**MELVIN COATSWORTH,
EASTCHURCH.**

● What a debut for young Billy! I hope his team-mates apologised for giving him no cover at all during the game.

Fair deal

I'D like to speak up for goalkeepers everywhere. The Phil Parkes foot-up controversy made me very angry. I'm a goalie and I've lost count of the times I have collected the ball only to be trampled on.

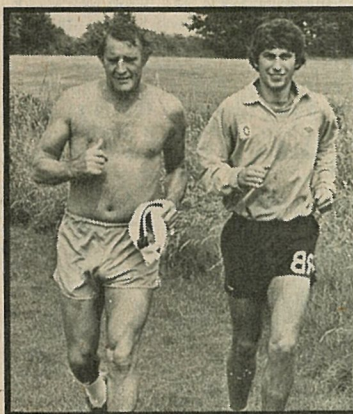
This is done, I believe, to take the advantage from the 'keeper because he then has to take a free-kick from the spot instead of clearing the ball from the edge of his area.

If Clive Thomas was correct in penalising the West Ham star for raising a foot then every goalkeeper in the country must change his technique.

Come on refs, give goalies a fair deal.

**CHRISTIAN WILSON,
ABBOTS LANGLEY.**

● Parkes' action may have been involuntary, but had Newcastle not scored following the indirect free-kick we'd have heard little of the incident.



Pen-Pal

I'M a 14-year-old Swedish boy and I'd like to have pen-pals in England. I support Liverpool.

**MICHAEL MYRLUND,
RADHUSVAGEN 47,
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SWEDEN.**

Unfair

JIMMY Adamson has been under fire from Leeds supporters. I feel this is unfair and he should be given more time.

**SIMON HARVEY,
STOKE-ON-TRENT.**

● I can understand the fans' frustrations as in a year Leeds have gone from being a very good side to a very ordinary one.

Mal's gamble

AS a Manchester City fan, I had mixed feelings after the club's big clear-out. I thought we'd lost too many established stars to make an impact.

I find to my pleasure and interest that the Maine Road team is doing quite well and Big Mal is giving his critics a run for their money.

His gamble could well work and I wish him the best of luck.

**RUSSELL BUSH,
FRINTON-ON-SEA.**

● Next season I expect Mal's (left, with Steve Mackenzie) young City slickers to make a much bigger impact on Division One.

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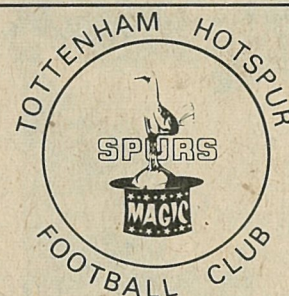
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'BATTLER STILES'

That's how SEAN HASLEGRAVE describes his Preston boss



It seems like a long time since Nobby Stiles was dancing around Wembley Stadium, twice within a two-year spell. The first time, in 1966, he had the World Cup in his hand and a famous toothless grin on his face.

The second time, just under two years later, he was helping to carry the giant European Cup around the floodlit stadium after Manchester United's emotional European Cup triumph against mighty Benfica. Those were marvellous, magic days.

But as 1979 draws to a close, Stiles has the job of motivating, sometimes disciplining and always considering his own players. His role these days is to make others successful, where he used to create his own success.

What's he like as a boss? No one is better qualified to answer that one, than the Preston skipper Sean Haslegrave, the man who went to Preston after spells at Stoke City and, briefly, Nottingham Forest, and who is very much a man in the Stiles mould.

Haslegrave says: "I always regarded Nobby Stiles as more of a defensive player, perhaps a sweeper sometimes or a key tackler. Certainly, he was different to me in that respect because I'm more of an out and out midfield player."

"But I suppose you could say I'm a battler like Nobby was — and still is. We are not a big side in midfield so we have to battle for the ball. In a competitive sense, every manager likes you to get stuck in... it all happens in the middle and it's important to have people battling there."

"I suppose a side reflects the character and personality of its manager. Certainly, I think there is a real link between our boss and the Preston side. We have 11 battlers, willing to go out and fight for the ball. We all help each other; we work for each other."

"I certainly get stuck in a fair amount, perhaps too much at times. I got eight bookings last season so I wasn't considered for the disciplinary committee the club had."

"One or two players were getting bookings so we started a committee consisting of the



manager, his assistant Alan Kelly and a couple of the lads. We had to scrap the idea of players becoming too involved because if they were like me and getting bookings, it wasn't fair to sit in judgment on others."

Haslegrave believes that overall Nobby Stiles is a fair boss. He goes on: "Everyone is willing to battle away for him and that reflects Nobby's character

and also indicates how the players respect him."

"I don't know what he would be like if things were really going badly for us. Since I have been there, it's only been good because we went up two years ago and then finished seventh in the table last season."

"But whatever the side is doing, all the lads are behind Nobby Stiles. I think he is still a battler even though he is now manager. You can often see some of the old Nobby Stiles, especially in the dressing-room at half-time if we are not doing well."

Hard man

"But he doesn't do the job alone; Alan Kelly makes it a dual role at the top of the club. And Alan can be as hard if not harder than Nobby. Alan Kelly can be a very hard man; you don't cross him too many times."

Stiles was no strange name to referees during his long career at Old Trafford. He collected bookings at almost regular intervals, running into three figures by the time his career ended. So how does Stiles react when his players are booked?

"If you get bookings for some things, you get fined and that is only to be expected," says Haslegrave.

"If the booking is for shouting at the referee or dissent, then you get fined — and you deserve it. But if it's for tackling or stopping a goal with your hands, I guess that like any other manager the boss is easier with you."

"No manager will have dissent among his players but he is prepared to be fair on other things."

MIDDLESBROUGH'S exciting young striker David Hodgson has found the ideal way to get away from the pressures of First Division football.

Whenever he can, the Tyneside-born teenager returns to his home in Felling and takes a short walk to see his... pigeons!

It's an unusual hobby for a professional footballer, one he shares with Newcastle's Colin Suggett. But Hodgson knows of no better relaxation.

"It's an ideal way to unwind away from the fans. And in the summer it takes up all my spare time, caring for the pigeons and getting them ready for races."

Already, Hodgson and his father have a cabinet full of pigeon trophies; now the Boro striker wants a few football ones to go with them.

And, if the opinion of plenty of First Division defenders was canvassed, they'd tell you it won't be long before he gets them.

Never mind pigeon fancying; marking Hodgson is more like chasing them, they say after sampling the player's amazing pace.

He combines it with some good close control and a never-ending willingness to chase apparent lost causes — that's a combination which has made him one of the most exciting youngsters to burst on the First Division scene in the last couple of seasons.

And the Ayresome Park fans — not always noted for their enthusiasm — love Hodgson's attitude. When he's around, it's never dull.

"It's always nice to hear the supporters backing me," says

Hodgson. "They seem to appreciate my style."

It wasn't always appreciated in his schooldays when his only soccer honour was to represent Gateshead Boys. Eventually, he was spotted by Ipswich, where he had a week's trial but was never asked back.

Finally, it looked like Bolton Wanderers would give him a chance and he was about to sign for the Lancashire club when Middlesbrough stepped in.

"After that Bolton didn't have a chance," recalls Hodgson. "I liked the Middlesbrough set-up and it meant I would be able to stay close to home. And I've never regretted my choice."

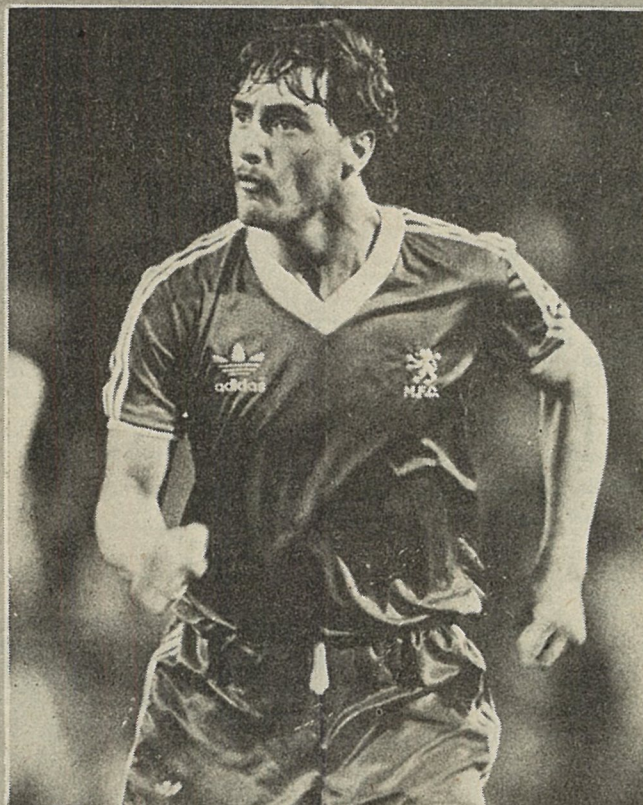
Hodgson broke into the first team at the end of last season when Boro were struggling to avoid relegation and made an immediate impression.

"In many ways, it was a good time for me to come into the side. The confidence of the team was low, but I decided I had nothing to lose and simply ran and ran. Even if a ball looked to be going out of play, I would chase it — and it came off on a few occasions."

Hodgson's arrival coincided with a good run which sent Boro well clear of the bottom and he's kept his place all this season — leaving more experienced players such as Micky Burns, Stan Cummins and Terry Cochrane in the cold at times.

"Things are going well at the moment," says Hodgson. "But I know I've only just begun. I've got to build on my start and, hopefully, pick up a few medals to go alongside those pigeon trophies."

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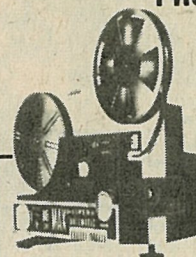
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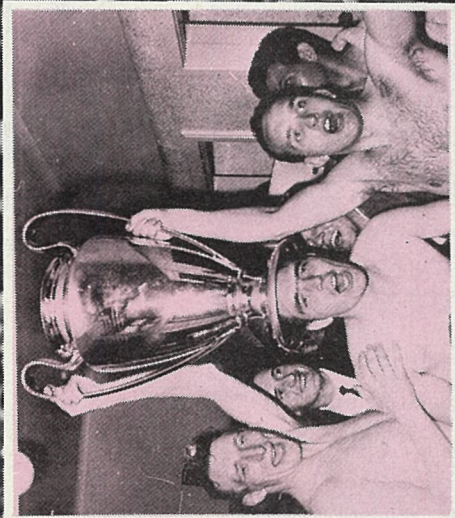
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EURO FIRSTS



The British clubs who were first to taste success in the three European Cups.

Leeds' skipper Billy Bremner with the Fairs Cup after beating Ferencvaros in 1968 (top left). A year earlier Celtic beat Inter Milan to take the European Cup, and Tommy Gemmell, Bobby Murdoch and John Clark celebrate (left). Main pic shows Captain Danny Blanchflower with the Cup-Winners' Cup after Spurs beat Atletico Madrid 5-1 in 1963.



DUNDEE

BOBBY
GLENNIE



DUNDEE could almost be termed Scotland's team of captains for just about everyone has had the opportunity to make the job their own in recent years. Manager Tommy Gemmell, who captained Celtic on several occasions when Billy McNeill was injured, has looked for a leader on the field and now he has settled for young centre-back Bobby Glennie, the utility player he signed from Aberdeen last year. Glennie seems to be the natural choice. He epitomises the refreshing outlook Gemmell demands from his side. He is a stopper who also has the rare ability to play the ball out of defence without putting the emphasis on the heavy boot as other out-and-out defenders seem to favour. Tall and commanding, Glennie has a great understanding with veteran 'keeper Ally Donaldson and it's just as well for the Dens Park men who have found themselves under a lot of pressure in the Premier Division following their success in the First last season.



DUNDEE UNITED

PAUL HEGARTY

DUNDEE UNITED manager Jim McLean deserves some sort of special prize for spotting the potential in Paul Hegarty as a first class defender as opposed to a mediocre striker. McLean paid Hamilton £40,000 for Hegarty in 1974. The player was then a forward, but his goal supply suddenly dried up at Tannadice, a ground that has become known as a striker's graveyard since Andy Gray took his shooting boots to Aston Villa. McLean gave Hegarty a chance to prove himself in the middle of the back-four and since then he has gone from strength to strength, making his international debut last season

against Wales. That was an unhappy experience as the Welsh hammered Scotland 3-0, but Hegarty kept his place for the other British Championship matches and also the game against World Champions Argentina at Hampden Park. Unfortunately, he was injured when he came on as a substitute against Norway in the European Championship tie and missed the start to the new season. Hegarty, voted Scotland's Player of the Year last season by his fellow professionals, must be delighted at the day Jim McLean decided that a change of roles for the player would bring a change of luck.

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OXFORD UTD.

LES TAYLOR

ONE CLUB midfielder player who signed as a professional at the Manor Ground five seasons ago after a spell as an apprentice. Ever-present last season, and although had scored only nine times in his 164

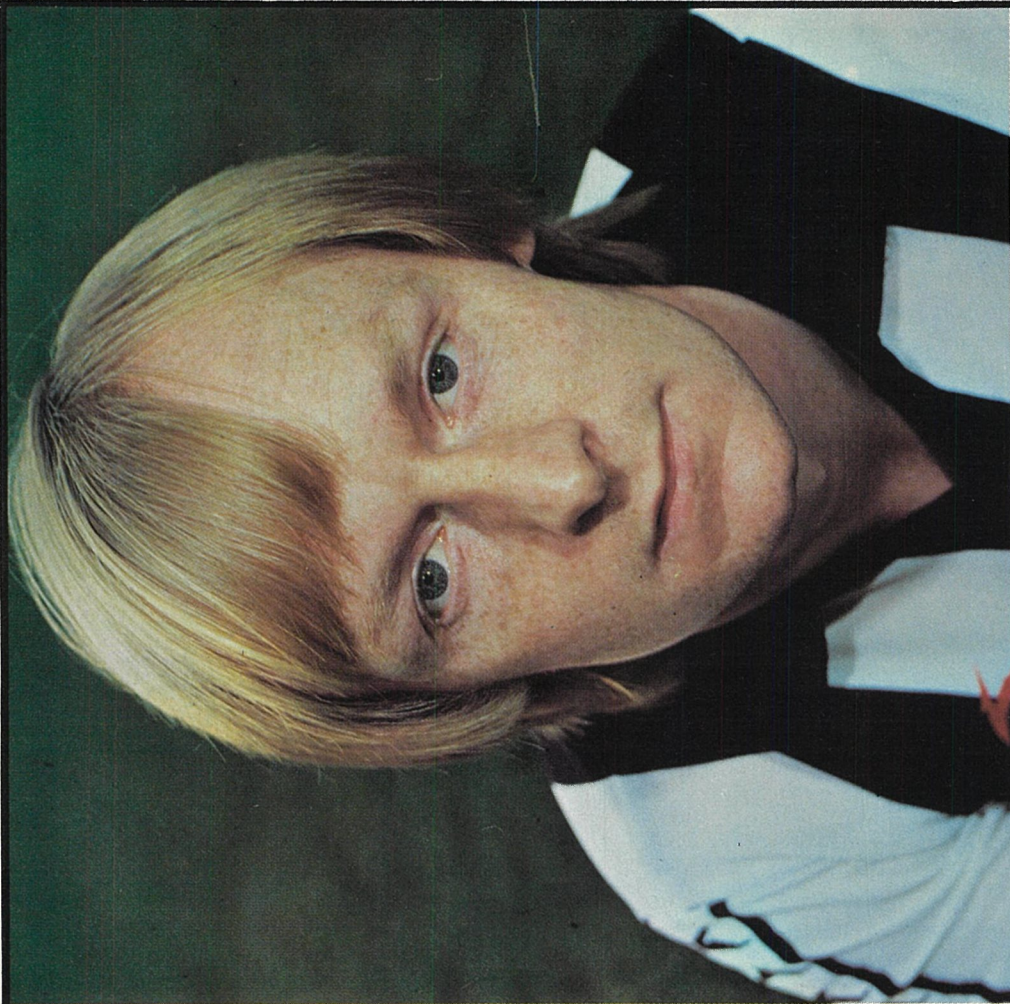
League games up to the start of the season, Les has proved such an inspiration in the middle of the park that Oxford United have emerged as one of the Third Division promotion favourites.

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ORIENT

TOMMY TAYLOR

FEARLESS centre-half now in his second spell at Brisbane Road. Born in Hornchurch, Tommy joined Orient straight from school and played 114 League games for them before nearby West Ham signed him up. First Division football obviously agreed with him, and he made 340 League appearances for The Hammers as well as gaining an F.A. Cup winners' medal against Fulham in 1975. Meanwhile Orient boss Jimmy Bloomfield realised the need to replace Glenn Roeder and Phil Hoadley in the centre of his back four, and saw Tommy as the ideal man. He duly signed in May for a £70,000 fee and was immediately made club captain on the strength of his tremendous experience of the game at the top level.



DUNFERMLINE

JOHN SALTON

DUNFERMLINE are striving desperately to bring back the cherished memories of the mid-60's when they were one of the most exciting and entertaining clubs in Britain. They were a little club who seemed destined for greater things when they won the Scottish Cup in '68 and then went through to the Semi-Finals of the Cup-Winners' Cup, knocking out West Brom on their way. However, they hit an incredible slump and it is only now, under the management of former player Harry Melrose, they are getting things together again and were well

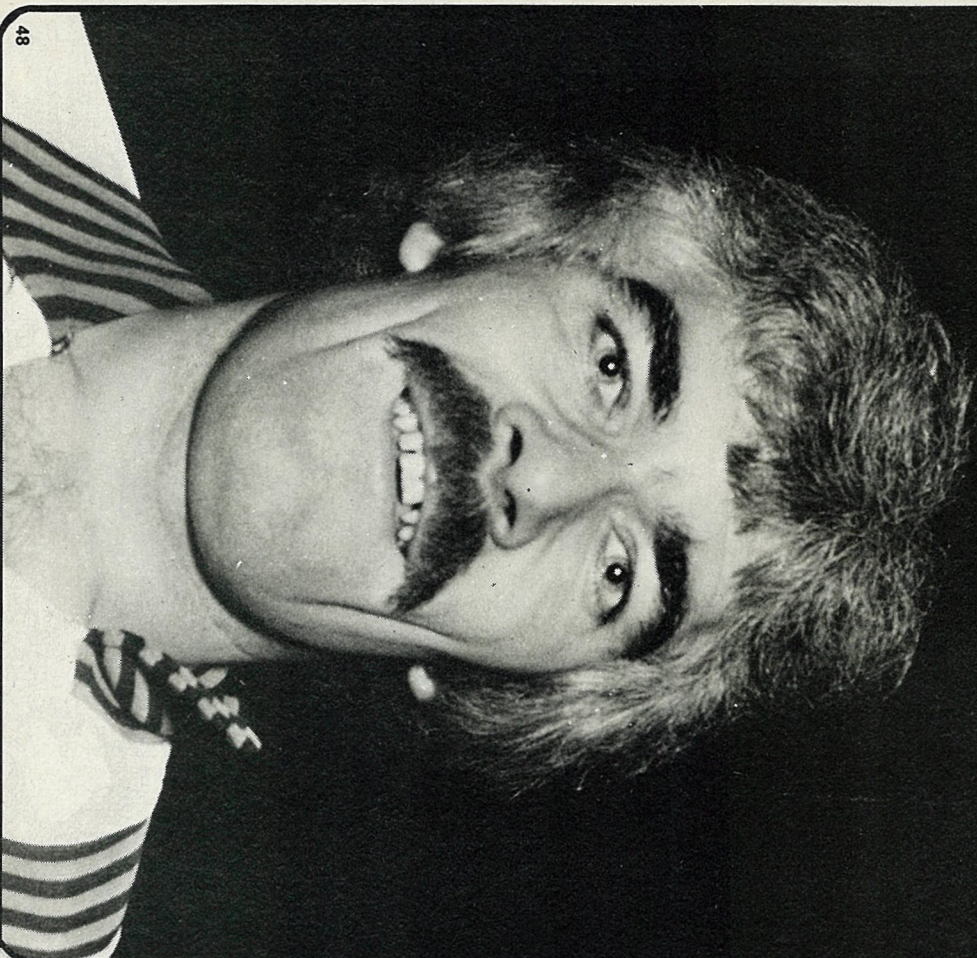
worthy of their promotion to the First Division last season. One player who is doing his bit to restore the image of the club out on the park is centre-back John Salton, bought from Queen of the South three years ago. Melrose has every confidence in his young defender who also had a short spell with Premier Division Hibs. Salton has an excellent understanding with player/coach Andy Rolland, the former Dundee United veteran, and their double-act should ensure that Dunfermline are well on their way to future glories.

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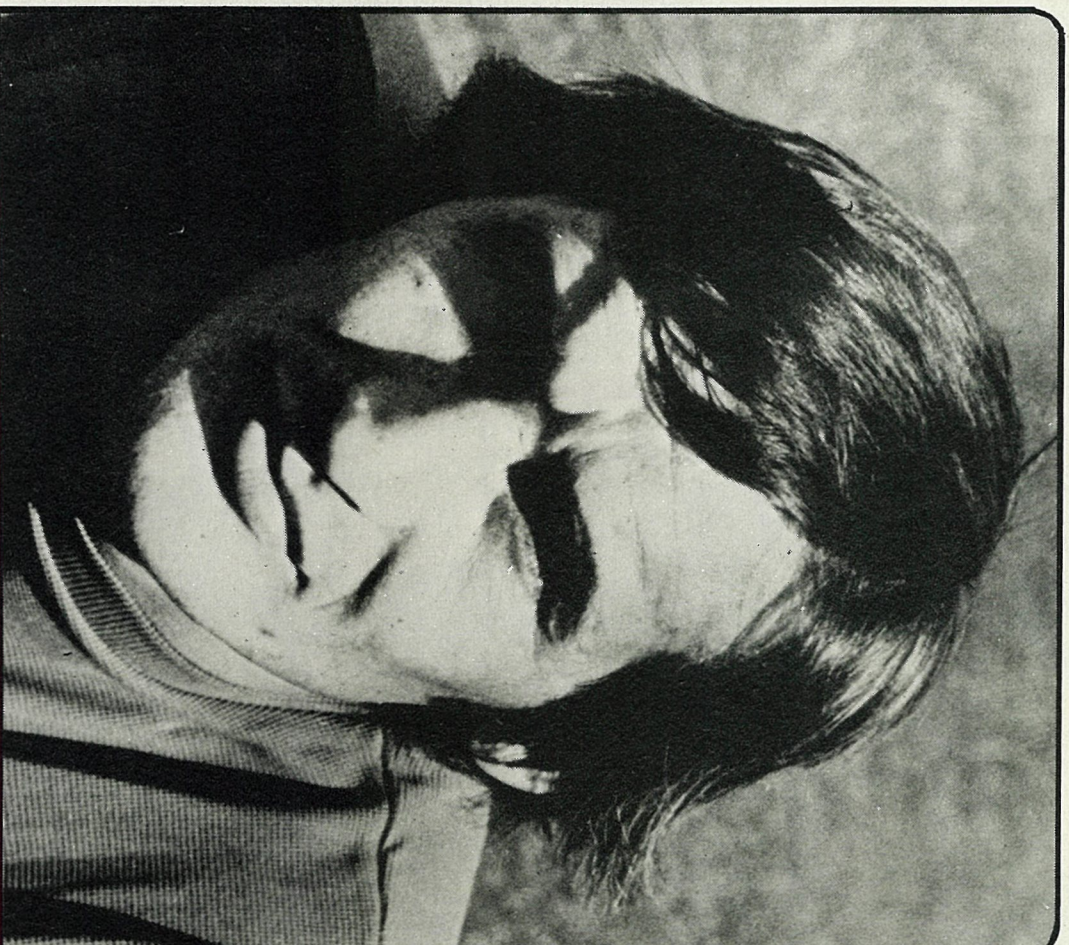
DEREK WHITEFORD

A LOT of Scottish fans were mildly surprised three seasons ago when the news came through that Derek Whiteford had moved from Airdrie to Dumbarton. The deal hardly shattered any transfer records, but it was thought that Whiteford, who had spent 14 happy years at Broomfield, would end his playing days with Airdrie. Dumbarton manager Davy Wilson, however, had other ideas. He had admitted the leadership

qualities of the hustling, busting Whiteford and was delighted to bring the player to Boghead Park. The move has proved to be a winner. He has rewarded them with many consistent performances. Whiteford's natural enthusiasm and his battling ability have rubbed off on his team-mates and given Dumbarton the added boost they required in their efforts to gain a place among the elite in the Premier Division.



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OLDHAM ATH.

JOHN HURST

COMMANDING centre-back who can rate himself unfortunate never to have won a full England cap. John came to prominence at Everton, and soon captured the attention of former England manager Sir Alf Ramsey. Won 12 Under-23 caps and was often included in the full squad without ever being called into action.

Played 349 League games for Everton, and was a mainstay in the club's League Championship-winning side in 1970. His experience has proved an invaluable asset to Oldham Athletic, for whom he had played 110 League games and scored two goals at the start of the present season.

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THE critics and wise men of football are starting to rave about some of the young prospects in English football. From the East Anglian promise of Kevin Reeves, now called the 'new Kevin Keegan' to the great skills of two North London midfield players, Tottenham's Glenn Hoddle and Arsenal's Graham Rix, the football terraces are starting to buzz in expectation at the future of English football.

And so should the fans be excited at the kids who are fast

was younger. Ballie is now the play-maker in the Southampton mid-field but Williams is learning fast alongside him."

There is little doubt that Williams couldn't have had a better tutor. Ball, with his vast experience and great powers of motivation, was the ideal man to bring on young Williams. And a fellow player who has noticed that as much as anyone, is Williams' colleague in the England Under-21 side ... Tottenham's Glenn Hoddle.

STEVE WILLIAMS Saints' new Alan Ball

maturing. With young players of such rich quality starting to knock on the door of the full England side, our future as a leading soccer power through the 1980's begins to look more and more assured.

It is a fact several of them that promise so much for the future, come from one department of the game — midfield. And it is from that area of the field that Southampton's Steve Williams is emerging as one of the best prospects of the lot.

Williams has been making quiet, steady progress at Southampton. He has won several caps for the England Under-21 side, the first of them when he was just 19. He comes from London and might have become a Crystal Palace player. But Saints snapped him up when Palace hesitated and under the youth policy, he has flourished, proving what a fine young player he is.

Williams went on the England summer tour at the end of last season — and among the coaches with the party was Arsenal's Don Howe. He says: "I was very impressed with Steve. You can see a young Alan Ball in him, the way he gets everywhere and likes to get forward so much. He is aware and does many things on the field that remind me of Ballie when he

Hoddle says: "Steve is already a player of high quality. It can only be a matter of time before he is knocking on the door of the full England side. He will go from strength to strength and must improve with Alan Ball still playing alongside him.

"You can see Ballie's influence in Steve's play and during a match, Ballie is shouting to Steve, helping him, correcting him, showing him how to do things. It's a great way for a youngster to learn.

Width

"Steve may not be big but his size doesn't matter. He is very quick, he sees situations well and has good vision in all areas of the park; sometimes he goes wide in midfield on the right and is almost like a winger. He gives the side great width by doing that.

"He is very aggressive and tackles well in defence when he has to. He is already a superb player in an England Under-21 side that has lots of good players."

The only criticism Hoddle makes of young Williams is goalscoring. "He doesn't score many goals and yet he has a good shot. He isn't big but there is plenty of power in his shot. Maybe he is played in a position where he won't score that many; I don't really know. But I

think he ought to score more than he does."

Fortunately there isn't very much likelihood of Williams letting his feet slip off the ground.

He is reluctant to discuss his own progress, saying: "I still have so much to learn. There is plenty of time and everything I pick up now will be of great benefit to me for years. But I must say having Alan Ball alongside me has been fantastic. Ballie is great at telling me things and advising me. I cannot think of a better person to learn

from than a guy like him.

"There are plenty of things for me to work on in my game. Perhaps telling them would help opponents so I won't say exactly what they are. But I am happy to go along and quietly make progress.

"All players dream of winning a full cap and I'm the same. But the Under-21 side is a talented one ... it's not a case of picking out me. What about Glenn Hoddle and Graham Rix just for a start?

"The future can take care of itself as far as I'm concerned. I'm still trying to develop and learn everything I can. What happens in the seasons to come is anyone's guess. Of course, I would love to play in an England side in the World Cup and I suppose 1982 would be fantastic. But you don't get into full international squads by hoping and day-dreaming ... only by hard work and the ability to learn. So I'm concentrating on doing well for Southampton."

It is encouraging that Williams retains such realism because an inflated view of his own importance could wreck the good work that he has already done. Happily, that is not the case and it is our bet that young Steve Williams will become an England international sooner rather than later in his highly promising career.

Transfer fees for managers?

IS the day near when transfer lists of managers, as of players, will become a regular part and parcel of the soccer scene?

Don't dismiss the idea as fanciful and incongruous. After all, it could be that the pattern for the shape of things to come is being fashioned right now.

Over recent months there have been numerous examples of clubs buying the existing contracts of new managers they have engaged.

What more natural, then, that the next step should be lists on which SOME managers might be given a financial assessment by their clubs — the "fee" that would have to be paid in the event of a move to another club by a man under contract?

There would be precious little difference between such a system and what has operated in the case of one deal after another in which First Division clubs have been

concerned in the last year or so.

First of all Wolves had to fork out a hefty "compensation" payment when they recruited Richie Barker from Shrewsbury, and since then Derby have been involved in two such cases.

It cost them a £45,000 settlement when Colin Addison,



Stoke boss Alan Durban

second in command with West Bromwich Albion, was made manager at the Baseball Ground, and then they had to compensate Grimsby when John Newman was taken from Blundell Park to become the Addison assistant.

But it was a move last January that led to a new record "transfer fee" in this field. That was when Manchester City took Malcolm Allison back to Maine Road and, in the process, paid Plymouth Argyle £75,000 in lieu of unexpired period of contract.

Compared with that, West Bromwich Albion made a shrewd deal just a year earlier when the "fee" they paid Cambridge United was just £15,000 for Ron Atkinson.

Since then other clubs which have been recompensed for the loss of their managers to higher spheres have included Blackburn (Jim Smith to Birmingham) and

Shrewsbury (Alan Durban to Stoke) — and don't be surprised if similar moves follow. It's becoming an automatic soccer set-up.

The near-certainty is that manager's "transfer fees", will soar greatly.

The Allison fee is a ridiculously small amount for a club to pay if the manager in question should happen to be among the game's most expert. What would Brian Clough be worth if he were "transfer listed"?

Don't forget that the acquisition of a manager with the right qualities and something of a Midas touch is immeasurably more valuable than the signing of any player.

The day may not be that far away when a £1-million manager transfer will excite no more eyebrow-raising than a comparable player move.

OUR tremendous 3-1 win over Arsenal in the Charity Shield curtain-raiser to the start of the season somehow rebounded on us, for instead of maintaining our form we slipped and struggled and found ourselves in an unaccustomed down-table position for many weeks.

However, we recovered and now revisit London this Saturday (November 24) for our first League game of the season there, again against The Gunners from High-bury.

Playing in the capital city now-days is a contrast to 1970-71, my first full season in the Liverpool League side. Then the capital had five teams in the First Division, including Chelsea and West Ham, and was a thriving area.

Arsenal won the Championship — and the F.A. Cup — becoming only the second team this century to carry off the coveted double, while Spurs finished third behind Leeds United, with us in fifth place behind Wolves.



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'LONDON ISN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE'

Eddie Kelly (second left) scores Arsenal's equalising goal in the 1971 F.A. Cup Final at Wembley (above). Palace's Kenny Sansom (below, right) and Osvaldo Ardiles of Spurs have put their clubs on a firm footing, but neither club is ready to challenge Liverpool.

Since then, no other London club has become Champions, although Arsenal and Q.P.R., finished in the runners-up spot in 1972-73 and 1975-76 respectively.

The capital's only successes have been in the F.A. Cup, which The Gunners won last year and West Ham in 1974-75; and two League Cup wins and one U.E.F.A. Cup win, in 1971-72, for Spurs.

The North and the Midlands have in the main dominated the South.

But it's a known fact soccer moves in cycles, and signs are that London clubs will compete more strongly in the 1980's for the top honours. Already several of those in the Second Division look likely to thrust themselves back into the First.

Although the 1971 F.A. Cup Final was my first taste of a big match with silverware at stake, and set at Wembley, the magnificent arena every young player dreams of playing in, I can't remember a great deal of the occasion.

I went through it in a state of numbness. I was so unused to such pressure, I became overawed and uncertain. Even now that I've appeared in many such Finals I still have to make an effort to control my feelings. But then it's important to be wound up to a high pitch, where concentration is complete, in order to bring out the best in me.

The Final was goalless at full-time, and shortly after the re-start Stevie Highway drove a shot into the Arsenal net between Bob Wilson — now a TV presenter — and the near post to put us ahead.

They equalised with a goal scored by Eddie Kelly, at first credited to George Graham, and then Charlie George struck the winner. What many people don't know is that the ball actually came off the toe of Larry Lloyd, then our centre-half, and took on a deflection that carried it inches away from my fingertips.

The next season, Arsenal bought Alan Ball from our Merseyside neighbours, Everton, and the little lad helped them become our bogey side.

For three seasons they were unbeatable, even beating us twice on our home ground of Anfield.

Since Ballie's departure for Southampton, we've fared much better. Last season we beat them at Anfield with two goals late in the game, but lost 1-0 at Highbury through my mistake.

I failed to gather a low cross into the goalmouth, Ray Kennedy tried to clear but the ball rebounded off David Price and into our net.

It was doubly unfortunate for me, as at the time I was under attack from certain newspaper writers campaigning for my replacement in



**'Palace and Spurs aren't
Championship material'**

the England goal by Forest's Peter Shilton.

Another unhappy Highbury memory for me is being booked in a previous season's game for taking too many steps with the ball.

Strangely enough, I haven't been pulled up for the same offence since even though I refused to change my style.

Highbury is a superb ground in every respect, and a tribute to the far-sightedness of the great Herbert Chapman, the pre-War manager who shaped them into such a force they won the Championship three seasons in succession in the Thirties.

Mr Chapman was a visionary, anticipating many of the major innovations, such as undersoil heating and floodlighting, that are

accepted today.

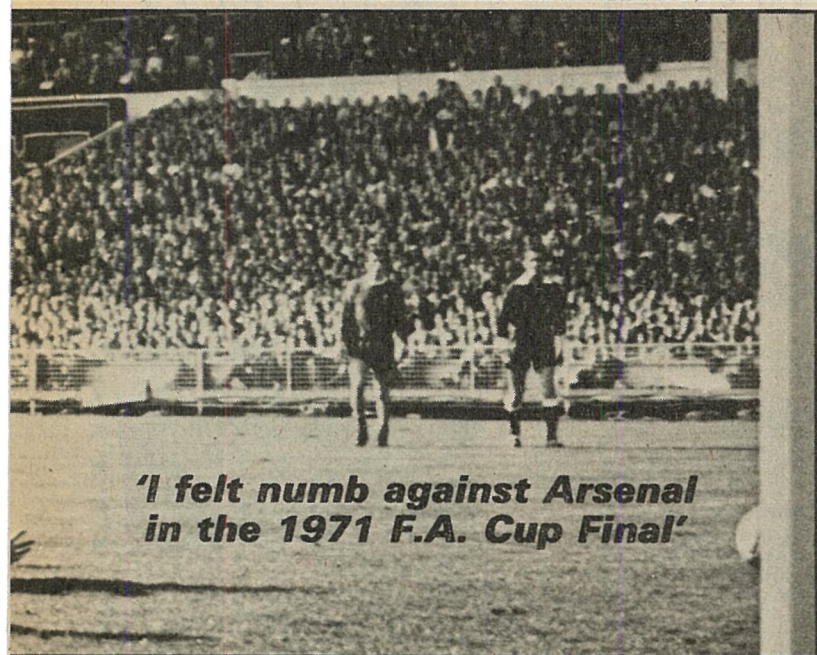
Some of the present grounds fall short of the standards of spectator comfort, player facilities and building design set by him all those years ago.

Of the three London clubs at present in the top flight, they are still the only one we at Liverpool take as possible rivals for the title.

Crystal Palace are basically still too young and inexperienced to finish in top place; and Spurs, despite their recent fine run of results, lack the necessary stability. Neither side is Championship material.

However, the main challenge for The Championship is from Nottingham Forest, and Arsenal's best chance lies in Cup competitions.

Last May they did marvellously to



'I felt numb against Arsenal in the 1971 F.A. Cup Final'

wipe out the bitter memory of losing in the 1978 F.A. Cup Final to underdogs Ipswich Town by beating Manchester United at Wembley.

Everyone tends to recall the last ten minutes, when United hit back to surprisingly level the scores at 2-2 before The Gunners scored a dramatic winner.

But Arsenal were the better side overall, dominating for most of the time, and only a lapse of concentration, for which they redeemed

themselves, allowed United to appear to have pushed them close.

Arsenal's playing style resembles that of Liverpool, except for a tendency to "overplay" Liam Brady. Liam is brilliant without a doubt, but often a team-mate will pass to him when another player is better placed.

Consequently, opponents get the impression that if they stop Liam playing, they have got the beating of Arsenal, so they put a man on

him all the time.

We never pay Liam this compliment, and our nearest man has the responsibility of marking him.

Don't get the impression I regard Arsenal as a one-man team; they have several outstanding individuals. Such as David O'Leary, the central defender who improves with every season and is hard to take the ball around.

Then there's John Hollins, a tremendous competitor bought from Q.P.R. as a stand-in who has now, as I predicted in a previous column, established himself in the line-up.

Frank Stapleton and Alan Sunderland form a very dangerous striking partnership.

Surprised

Alan scored several spectacular goals in Arsenal's Cup run last season, playing a great part in winning the trophy, and has surprised me by putting in a transfer request.

I get the impression there's some unrest in the team, a bad thing for morale, and it seems certain that Liam Brady is spending his last season at Highbury. Apparently he has his heart set on moving to a Continental club, like Kevin Keegan.

But he should bear in mind the experience of Dave Watson with Werder Bremen which caused him to return to English football after a short, unhappy spell in West Germany. And Laurie Cunningham is not having it all his own way with Spanish club Real Madrid.

Kevin Keegan could be unique in having successfully made the transition. Kevin is a very determined character, an extrovert, who by learning the language helped to make himself popular in West Germany.

So it's not just a question of being blessed with outstanding football ability.

Arsenal are fortunate in having a respected managerial team in Terry Neill and his assistant, Don Howe. Terry is a former Arsenal player and won 59 caps for Northern Ireland.

Don Howe is a talented coach in his second spell with the club. He helped to steer them to the double, left to try his hand at managing West Bromwich Albion, and then returned to become second-in-command.

We Liverpool Reds regard Saturday's match at Highbury as our toughest in London, and in normal circumstances would be pleased to come away with a point.

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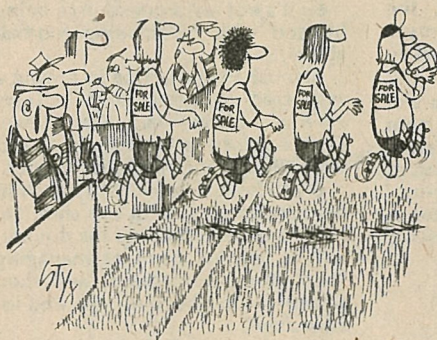
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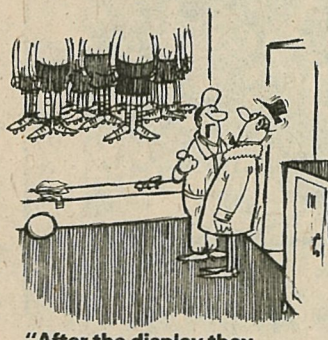
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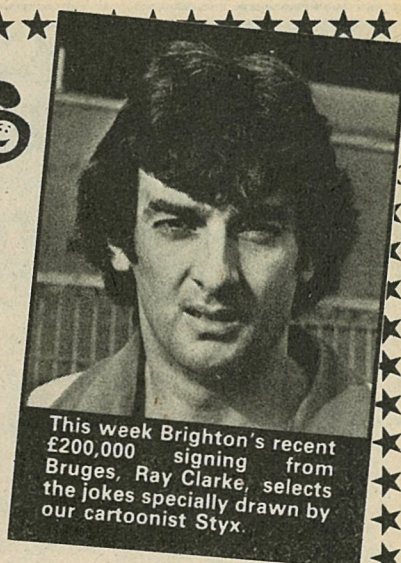


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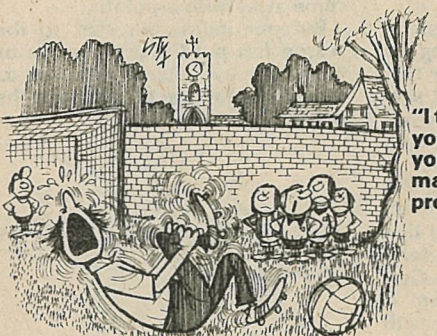
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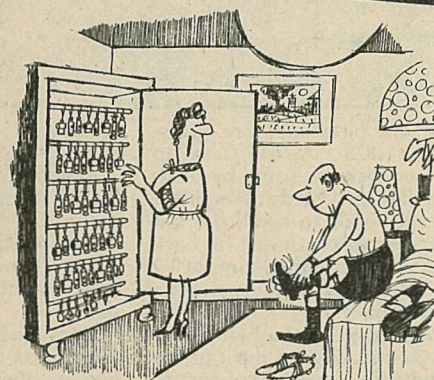
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New Lives for Old Stars VIC GROVES



PROFESSIONAL footballers tend to run pubs and sports shops when they retire from the game. Vic Groves, the former Arsenal striker, has become a city gent.

Groves is now 47 and living in the heart of Surrey's commuter belt. He has exchanged the famous red and white shirt he wore with distinction for ten seasons at Highbury for a tailored suit and briefcase.

He is now a representative for a major insurance company, working from an office in Kingsway, Holborn, London. He has travelled extensively in the South and South-East in the past five years, handling people's corporate tax problems and selling life insurance.

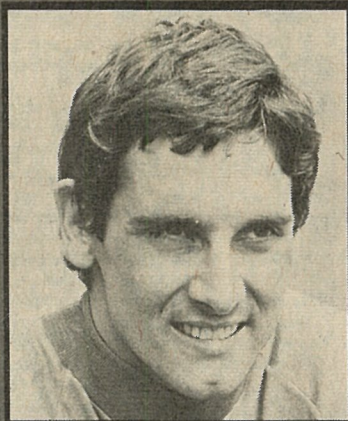
Legacy

He retired from football at the end of the 1963-64 season. He took two pubs, the Angel at Edmonton, and the Crown and Horseshoes at Enfield. He kept them for ten years before moving into the insurance business.

He cannot hide a slight limp on his business travels — a legacy of heavy tackling when he was one of the game's most feared forwards. He had two cartilages out within a year of joining Arsenal in November, 1955.

He still goes back to Highbury. "Many of the staff I knew are still there," says Vic.

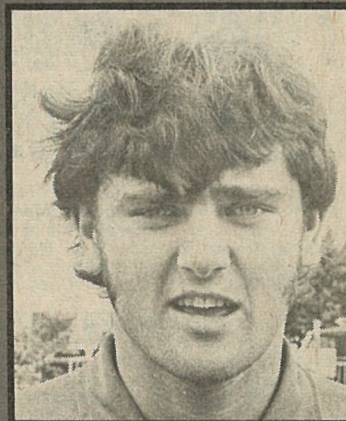
Plymouth Argyle are gaining a reputation for . . .



Milija Aleksic, joined Tottenham last season.



Paul Barron, waiting for his chance at Arsenal.



The latest in Plymouth's long line of promising 'keepers, Neil Hards.

FINDING 'KEEPERS

THE West Country is famous for its farming and dairy products, but in recent years one of its football clubs has established a nursery producing good young goalkeepers.

Plymouth Argyle sold Martin Hodge to Everton for £135,000 in the summer while Paul Barron, at Arsenal, and Milija Aleksic, at Tottenham, also started their League careers at Home Park.

And Argyle began this season with yet another youngster as their last line of defence. Neil Hards is still only 17, but he has already produced some great saves — none more vital than a penalty save against Newport County in the League Cup.

It came in the last seconds of the second-leg and won Plymouth a place in the Second Round where they were rewarded with a lucrative clash with Chelsea, which they also won.

"When I saved that penalty from Howard Goddard I thought the whistle went because somebody had been standing in the box. I thought it had to be taken again but instead it was all over and we had won it," said Neil.

And he is no stranger to saving penalties, despite his tender years. "On this summer's youth team trip to Europe I saved three out of five when we got involved in a penalty decider against a Belgian side," said the quietly confident Portsmouth-born youngster.

When Neil was spotted by Plymouth four years ago former Blackpool and England goalkeeper

Tony Waiters was in charge, and it was under him that the trend for good young 'keepers started. At that time the ex-Arsenal and Rotherham favourite Jim Furnell was Plymouth's first choice while Waiters recruited Aleksic from Stafford Rangers to act as an understudy. He eventually played 32 games before moving to Luton for £10,000.

Last season Spurs invested ten times that amount to take Aleksic to White Hart Lane, an example of Plymouth not cashing in on a young asset.

They did much better with Paul Barron. He is currently in the reserves at Arsenal, preparing to take over if and when Pat Jennings finally loses his touch.

Successor

Barron came to Argyle from Slough Town and he played most of his 44 games for Plymouth under the managership of Waiters' successor Mike Kelly, himself a distinguished goalkeeper with Birmingham and Queens Park Rangers.

By the time Arsenal offered £70,000 for Barron, Martin Hodge had got in on the act. Barron had been an ever present in 1977-78 until April 15th when an injury ruled him out of the home game with promotion chasing Peterborough.

So 19-year-old Hodge was called up for his debut for a side threatened with relegation. He kept a clean sheet in a 1-0 win and when Arsenal's bid came in new

manager Malcolm Allison decided he could release Barron.

Last season Hodge made 41 appearances including an impressive display against Swansea on Match of The Day. When his contract expired in the summer he was chased by several top clubs and Everton won the race to make him number two to George Wood.

Southport-born Hodge came through Argyle's apprentice ranks as did promising youngster number four, Neil Hards. Current Plymouth manager Bobby Saxton had tried in vain to sign a senior 'keeper to replace Hodge, but when a couple of deals fell through and the Anglo-Scottish fixtures arrived young Neil was still the only goalkeeper on the books.

Saxton need not have worried as his talented teenager conceded just five goals in his first eight games.

"I am lucky to be getting some great help and advice from Jim Furnell," said Neil. Jim is now on the coaching staff at Plymouth and like him Neil is powerfully built at 6ft 1in and 12½st.

Forwards have found it pointless to rough up Neil and he is equally determined not to be bundled out of the first team. Many regard him as a better prospect than Hodge and this season could see him really come of age.

Meanwhile his three Plymouth predecessors eagerly await their chance to impress in the First Division, products of the Argyle goalkeeper nursery.

HANS Krankl finally restored peace to the Barcelona squad at a special meeting with the other players and manager Rife (World Wide last week). The Austrian striker apologised to Rife for breaches of club discipline, and also to his team-mates for some unwise remarks during Press interviews. Krankl, furious at being dropped, had claimed that he was easily the best player at the club...

'PRESS MUST CRITICISE REAL MADRID' - Barcelona boss

THE traditional rivalry between Real Madrid and Barcelona has suddenly burst into open warfare after Barcelona's President Josep Lluís Núñez amazingly stated in public that Real only win their titles with a lot of help from referees.

Núñez had previously upset the Press and Real by publicly demanding that Barcelona newspapers had a duty (a) not to criticise Barcelona and (b) to attack Real Madrid as aggressively as possible.

When shocked reporters published his comments Núñez denied them, but several reporters were able to produce conclusive taped evidence that his words hadn't been twisted.

Núñez promptly alleged that the tapes had been tampered with. Then the allegations that referees help Real came in one of the many meetings between club presidents and Spanish TV, who are trying to re-negotiate terms for the live transmission of a League match every Sunday evening.

The Real President, Luis de Carlos,

WERE PERU BRIBED?

EVEN though the World Cup was 18 months ago, the bitterness from the Argentina/Peru game still goes on and allegations that Peru were bribed continue to be made.

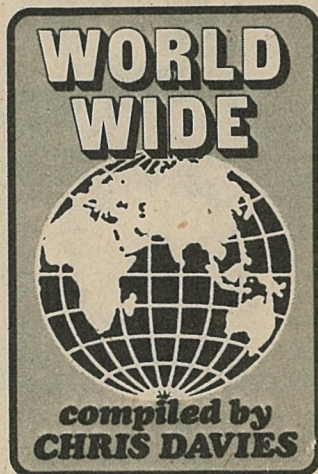
Argentina beat Peru 6-0 to reach the Final and Brazil have never accepted that this result was "normal".

Jorge Fernandez, manager of Talleres in Peru, said on Colombia radio that Rudolfo Manzo, Peru's World Cup defender, told him that there were bribes.

Manzo has denied that he even knows Fernandez, but Augustin Ciccía, president of the Peru F.A., has said he will use all his powers to clear the matter up once and for all. "We must find out the truth," he said. "I want all those who have made accusations to show concrete evidence. This isn't fair to Peruvian football."

All this has caused an uproar in Brazil, who have been asked by Peru what their official position is in all the accusations is.

promptly walked out of the meeting in protest, and the club is now threatening to take legal action against Núñez. Meanwhile, Spain's Sports Journalist's Union is also considering a similar move following Núñez's comments about the Press.



ALL 11 SHOULD HAVE BEEN SENT-OFF!

REGRETTABLY Italian teams haven't the reputation of being the nicest boys in Europe, and this season Napoli seem to be doing their best to keep the reputation alive.

Guidetti and Filippi were sent-off during a torrid U.E.F.A. Cup tie against the Greeks of Olympiakos and promptly earned a two-match U.E.F.A. suspension.

In the following round Spanish referee Emilio Guruceta sent-off two more and cautioned four others. "I'm not happy about my performance," confessed the Spanish official later. "I should have sent-off all eleven of them. They were insulting me throughout the match. They seemed to have no idea about sporting behaviour and, well, let's say they weren't very educated."

Napoli have been hitting trouble on the domestic scene, too, and their manager Luis Vicinio hit the headlines before the recent League match against Perugia by inciting the Naples crowd "to make life hell" for visiting striker Paolo Rossi.

If that's what he tells the public, I wonder what he tells his players!

FORMER West German international Berti Vogts, now in charge of their Under-21 side, with his wife, Monika... and a bronze bust which is in their house. Monika says that when her husband isn't at home, this reminds her of him!



ITALY'S 'POOR' SUPERSTARS

THE Italian First Division continues to throw up a stark contrast of rags and riches, with the top clubs and players gleefully living like lords and at the same time announcing debts totalling £110,000,000!

But significantly, the signing-on fees paid in Italy are no longer the astronomical figures that once attracted players from all over the world, and countries like Spain and Germany can now offer equally attractive terms.

Laurie Cunningham, for example, could easily earn more this season with Real Madrid than Italy's wonder-boy World Cup striker, Paolo Rossi.

Out of interest, here are the signing-on fees paid to Italy's top stars, though it must be remembered that they also receive a monthly salary around £400 plus substantial win bonuses.

1 Antognoni (Fiorentina).....	£92,000
2 Rossi (Perugia).....	£85,000
3 Giordano (Lazio).....	£78,000
4 Bettiga (Juventus).....	£70,000
5 Graziani (Torino).....	£63,000
6 Manfredonia (Lazio).....	£60,000
7 Zoff (Juventus).....	£56,000
8 Pruzzo (Roma).....	£55,000
Causio (Juventus).....	£55,000
Pulici (Torino).....	£55,000

GIANCARLO ANTOGNONI



BRAZIL were the first country to confirm their participation in the 1982 World Cup. They sent their 1,000 Swiss francs fee to FIFA ahead of anyone else. Brazil always look forward to the World Cup...

FOOTBALL? WHAT FOOTBALL?

"COMPLICATED, squalid and violent without the slightest trace of creative football."

That was the Argentine Press's description of the recent National Championship confrontation between Boca Juniors and San Lorenzo which ended as a 0-0 draw.

Referee Gneco showed nine yellow cards and two red ones, but the unanimous verdict was that he had been far too lenient in a match littered with waist-high tackling, furious punching and blatant provocation.

The two men sent-off were San Lorenzo midfielder Marangoni (remember Wolves' interest in signing him?) and our old friend (and Willie Johnston's) Vicente Pernia, the Boca Juniors left back who averages six sendings-off per season!

News flashes

AFTER the Italian Cup preliminary rounds, before the League started, the following have qualified for the last stages which will be completed after the League programme at the end of the season: Juventus (qualified as holders), AS Roma, AC Torino, Ternana, Inter-Milan, Lazio, AC Milan and SSC Naples.

AUSTRIAN football has its share of hooligans, like everyone else. Austria Klagenfurt met SC Eisenstadt, and Eisenstadt won 4-3. The 130 spectators were so enraged at the refereeing that they invaded the pitch at the end and chased the officials into the stand. They were there for two hours before police rescued them.

HEATED discussions are going on in West Germany over the DFB's proposal to form a Bundesliga II. At the moment it is in two sections, North and South, but if the DFB get their way there will

be in future seasons: 18 clubs in the Bundesliga and 20 clubs in the Bundesliga II, instead of 20 in the North and 20 in the South.

AN unusual match was staged recently in Rosario, Argentina. The two teams were made up of referees! No less than five of the player/referees were sent-off during the match!

MUNICH 1860 have been contracted to play against the Algerian national

A game of 3 halves

NEXT time you complain about bad referees, remember this one. Alianza Lima v. Universitario, the Lima derby game, once again attracted a lot of attention and pulled in a capacity crowd. Both teams are pushing for the Peruvian Championship, and the points were vital.

The Peruvian F.A. dropped a clanger by picking an inexperienced referee for a match they knew was going to be rough and would take a very good referee to keep things calm. Certainly not Javier Jimenez, the unlucky referee who WAS picked.

In fact Sr. Jimenez was so nervous that he whistled for the end of the first-half when there was still five minutes to go! He realised his mistake when the players were on their way to the dressing-rooms, but he managed to get them back on the field to play what was left of the first-half.

After this incident, the players lost what little respect they had for the referee, and the game got out of hand. The players spent more time kicking each other than showing their skills with the ball. The players can count themselves lucky that only one was sent-off, Jaime Duarte of Alianza Lima.

Just for the record, Alianza Lima won 1-0.

7 GOALKEEPERS

BELGIAN amateur side SV Peer must have set some sort of record. So far this season they have fielded SEVEN different goalkeepers!

The first, Bosmans, fell off a ladder at work. His replacement, Franssen, was suspended when it was found he was signed incorrectly. Number three, Gielen, dislocated a shoulder, while the next, Eerdeken, was injured on his debut. The list continues... Schrooten broke a bone in a hand and then Creemers came in. However, desperate as SV Peer were, he was simply too short.

Goalie Number Seven didn't have the best of starts: he conceded six goals in his first game, but he's still there.

Polo hopes to make a mint

THE Colombian authorities have come up with an idea which they think will help to raise money for the 1986 World Cup Finals, which they will host.

They will issue season tickets, giving the holder access to any stadium in the country for the next 20 years... excluding the World Cup.

Señor Francisco Polo of the Colombian F.A. said that soon after announcing this, they received 30,000 applications.

No doubt Señor Polo is hoping to make a mint out of the scheme.

BOCA Juniors' manager Juan Carlos Lorenzo (right) is notorious for having produced some of the most violent sides in soccer history, but he recently proved that he could "put it about a bit" himself. A group of fans (?) recognised Lorenzo while he was driving his car and promptly began to shout insults and tried to overturn the vehicle. Lorenzo leapt out of the car and had knocked two of them cold before the rest ran away!



team in Algiers for a fee of more than £25,000. Then they must fly back to meet Hamburger SV two days later in a League match. Money rules, it seems. U.E.F.A. Cup holders Borussia Mönchengladbach are playing a mid-week friendly with neighbours Rheydter SV to raise funds that will be sent to UNICEF for the Year of the Child. HERTHA BSC, the West Berlin Bundesliga club, have signed as an



DENNIS Tueart (above, right) captained the Cosmos when they played Victoria in the Olympic Stadium, Melbourne, Australia. Here's the former Sunderland and Manchester City winger exchanging pennants with Victoria's Jim Tansey. The Cosmos won 3-2.

TOUGH YANKS

DON'T mention the U.S.A. to Saint-Etienne manager Robert Herbin or his Strasbourg counterpart Gilbert Gress. They're both hopping mad that their key players — Platini and Wagner respectively — were seriously injured by the American national team in a friendly match in Paris.

The U.S. team are getting quite a reputation for rough play, and the French are bitterly remarking that several of their players seem to have trouble in separating subtle soccer skills from the more rugged practices of American football!

amateur the Thailand international Vithaya Laoiakul, who is 24 years old with 54 caps. He will become a professional if he measures up to the standards in West Germany.

A COURT in Faro, Portugal, sentenced the sports editor of the Jornal de Sporting newspaper, Joao Xara, to 342 days in prison because of an editorial in the paper criticising a referee.

LUQUE PROMISES TO BE BACK

WE can all name players who perform brilliantly with their clubs but just can't seem to produce the same goods when they pull on their national team's shirt. Only on very rare occasions does the reverse apply.

In Europe only France's left-winger Didier Six springs to mind. But Argentina has a World Champion striker who seems to perform brilliantly in the blue-and-white striped shirt of the national team... and fail to shine in the red sash of his club River Plate: Leopoldo Luque.

Before he reached world fame in the World Cup, River had already offered him twice in part exchange for other players and, even now, he's rumoured to be set for a move to make way for talented 20-year-old striker 'Pelado' Diaz.

Rumour

Soon after the World Cup had finished, Luque's form slumped badly and rumour had it that he was leading a hectic night life and not bothering too much about keeping himself fit. "Luque's finished" commented some of the River Plate fans.

"This is what happens when you're a public figure," laments Luque. "You know I was criticised quite a lot before the World Cup because I had trouble in coping with European stoppers during our preparation matches. But I overcame that. Then my brother was killed in a car accident during the World Cup itself. But I kept on playing. But once the World Cup had finished I just wanted to go home to Santa Fe and forget all about football."

"Then there were my marriage problems. I'd married my first

girlfriend, and things just didn't work out. In the end we separated completely, but you can imagine what effect all these things had on my form with River.

"It's true that I neglected myself a bit — you know, all the fame can be very agreeable until you realise that it's only a fleeting thing. All right, I made mistakes, but I've learned from them. I've thought a lot about myself and I think I'm a better person because of it.

"Anyway, I played badly for a while, and then I had a thigh injury on top of all my other problems. I've really got my team-mates to thank for pulling me through — they've been fantastic. Especially when we beat Velez Sarsfield to take the Metropolitan Championship.

"I had hardly been training, and the boss was going to take me off at half-time because I was shattered even though I had scored a goal.

"But they begged him to leave me on so that I could collect the trophy with the rest of them. Then they kept me going right through the second-half, encouraging me all the time. That was the turning point.

"Now I'm determined to start all over again from scratch. My private life has settled down, and I may be getting married again before long, and I want to try and win back my place in the national team.

"I know I'm 30 and Menotti must be looking for younger men, but I'm going to work as never before to try and get a place in the squad for 1982. All right, you haven't heard much about Luque since the World Cup, but you can bet I'll be back. Right at the top in the Argentina shirt, where I belong."



Luque (right) playing for River Plate against Independiente.

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FOOTBALLERS are noted for their sarcasm and razor sharp tongues. They dish out nicknames that seem to tell a story in themselves.

Rangers had a player known as 'Pele'. That may sound like a fabulous tribute to the individual's skills, but, in truth, it was the most sarcastic nickname in Scottish soccer. Partick Thistle's Colin McAdam, brother of Celtic's Tom, was rather cruelly re-christened 'Wurzel Gummidge' by his Firhill team-mates after the scarecrow television character.

Celtic's Murdo MacLeod is known to everyone at Parkhead as 'Rhino' and when you see the player in action the handle fits perfectly. He really does live up to that nickname although, of course, he possesses marvellous skills and a wide range of vision.

MacLeod, though, is the sort of midfield man every team wants. He is a competitor, a never-say-die character, a player who will run all day and night in the cause of the team.

He does, in fact, charge around the park like a rhino, but he rarely wastes valuable energy. Imagine Billy Bremner, the former fiery leader of Scotland and Leeds United, with blond hair playing on the left hand side of the pitch and you have a fair picture of MacLeod, who arrived at Parkhead last season for a ridiculously low transfer fee of just £100,000 from Dumbarton.

It was a great piece of business by Celtic manager Billy McNeill, who had just moved into the Parkhead hot-seat and was trying to rebuild Celtic after their shattering experience of the previous season when they won nothing and failed to clinch a place in European football for the first time in 14 years.

"Moving to Celtic was a dream come true," says Murdo, a Scottish Under 21 player who will certainly go on to full international honours in the future.

"There is a great atmosphere at the club these days. The players all get on well and we are all hungry to get in on the honours rush."

"There is a good atmosphere in the dressing room and a lot of joking to ease the tension. Manager Billy McNeill is a respected figure who knows the game inside out. We are in good hands, that's for sure."

MacLeod hasn't allowed the move from Dumbarton to Parkhead to go to his head. He has remained an easy-going type of person and still lives in the same terraced house in Dumbarton which he bought while a player

MURDO MacLEOD- CELTIC'S 'RHINO'



with the local club.

He drives an Audi car and stays away from the spotlight when he is off the field. In short, he is a manager's dream who is always prepared to give his all on a Saturday.

The dynamic MacLeod prepares for a game in a unique style. He washes his hair, gives it a good brush, sings a chorus or two of 'You'll Never Walk Alone' and then leaves for the match in the perfect frame of mind. His wife Mhairi isn't too sure, however, if he will ever see Murdo on Top of the Pops!

On a more serious note, MacLeod was outstanding last season as Celtic charged through to take the Premier Division title and it is perhaps fitting that he scored the goal that finally clinched the Championship.

That glorious goal came in the dramatic title tussle with Old Firm rivals Rangers at Parkhead. In a night of electrifying atmosphere, Celtic were losing 1-0 when Johnny Doyle was ordered off shortly after the interval.

Stamina

Celtic might have folded, but they were prompted throughout by MacLeod, who was doing the work of three players with stamina sapping bursts from deep defence into attack. Celtic equalised through Roy Aitken and then George McCluskey fired them into the lead. Rangers came back with an equaliser through Bobby Russell as Parkhead throbbed with excitement.

McNeill's marauders took the lead again when the unfortunate Colin Jackson couldn't get out of the way of a Celtic effort and he diverted the ball past 'keeper Peter McCloy. Celtic could still have lost their chance of clinching the title if they had dropped a point and Rangers roared back in convincing fashion.

But, one minute from time, the game was settled when MacLeod again broke into attack, carried on into the danger zone and then unleashed a shot of explosive power that whizzed past the helpless McCloy into the top corner of the net. That was that! Celtic were the Champions of Scotland and MacLeod had picked up his first winner's medal. Nobody can claim that he hadn't earned it.

There are certainly more honours to come for Murdo MacLeod. There may be more graceful players in Scottish soccer than 'Rhino', but you will have to search far and wide for players with more commitment and courage.

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'BRING ON THE BEST'

says Bolton's MIKE WALSH

BOLTON Wanderers defender Mike Walsh would rather play Liverpool than Brighton each week!

He says: "I can guarantee that when we meet top opposition, we'll play well. It's always been the case. I don't know why. That's what makes football the unpredictable game that it is."

"Not many people gave us a chance in our home game against Liverpool, but we drew 1-1 and well deserved a point. It was probably our best performance this season. That's the irony of it all."

Manchester-born Walsh arrived at Burnden Park straight from school in 1971 and was signed by Jimmy Armfield. He made his debut in 1974/75 in an away game at West Bromwich Albion, but he didn't establish himself in the Wanderers' first team until the promotion season of 1977/78.

"I haven't missed a game for two and a half years," says Mike. "But before that I played something like ten matches a season."

Occupied

Versatile Mike seems to have occupied every position. "I think I've worn every numbered outfield shirt for Bolton Wanderers," he says.

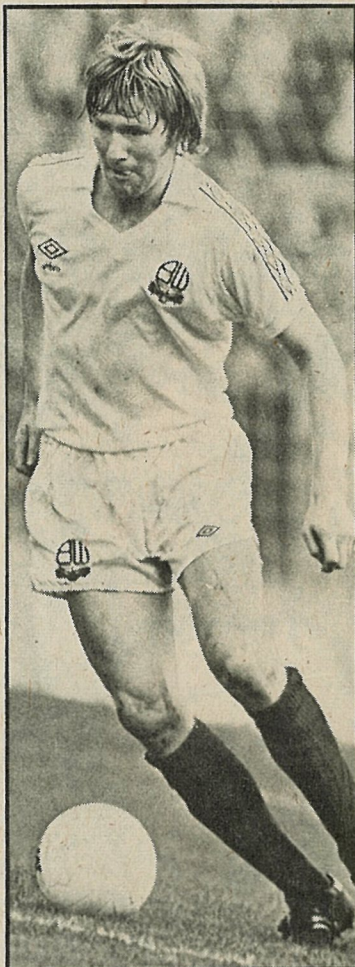
"I'd rather play centre-back. That's my best position. In fact, I'm convinced of it now after playing quite a few games at full-back and in midfield. I think the manager, Ian Greaves, would agree with me, but I don't mind having a change every so often. It's like a new lease of life to me."

"My strengths lie in my attitude and my consistency. I always try to give 100 per cent. It's very rarely I get the star rating, but there again I always seem to do a good steady job."

Mike shares the central defensive position with either Paul Jones or Sam Allardyce. Not surprisingly his most memorable moment came after the Blackburn game which assured Bolton of First Division football after 14 years in the wilderness.

"Funnily enough the two matches which stick in my mind most are two which I didn't play in. One of those was the Wolves game which cost us promotion for the second time running. I was in the stand and remember being very nervous. The other was the League Cup Semi-Final against Everton at Burnden when we lost 1-0. I played at Goodison when we drew 1-1."

"I always enjoy going to Old



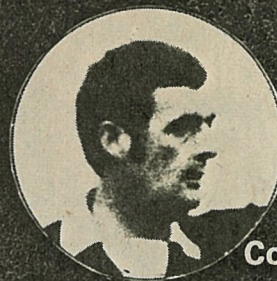
Trafford and playing against Manchester United. I idolised them as a kid and was a real fanatical Stretford Ender."

Bolton are already being tipped as favourites for relegation, following their 2-0 defeat by Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane on November 10th. The Burnden Park club slipped to 21st in the First Division and they face a hard winter to climb clear.

"That's to be expected," says Mike, "because of the position we are in. But there's no way we'll take the big drop."

"It's ridiculous to talk about relegation so early in the season. There's too much talent here at Bolton for us to go down. As long as we apply ourselves, then there'll be no trouble at all. I'm certain about that."

"There's a squad of around 18 players who can be called upon to do a good job. The atmosphere is very competitive. You feel that your head's on the chopping block for every game. It's great! That's the way it should be."



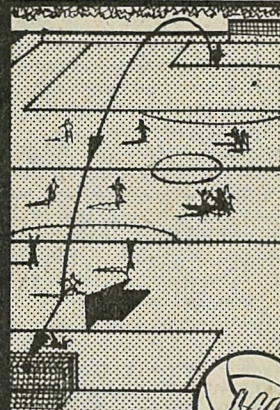
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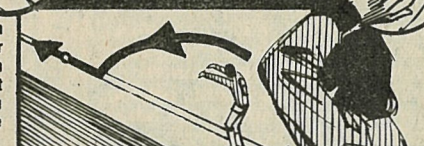


A player's shorts are so badly torn during the game that he has difficulty in keeping them up. The player seems quite content to continue, is this in order?

2 From a goal-kick the ball goes directly into the opposing half to an attacker standing in an offside position. He collects the ball and scores. Should you award: (a) a goal, (b) a free-kick for offside or (c) retake the kick?



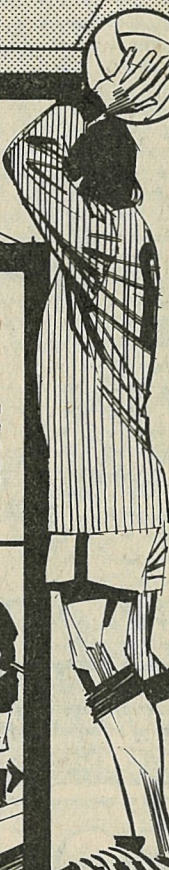
3 Taking a throw-in a defending player throws the ball down the line but it does not enter the pitch. Should you award a throw-in to the opposing side?



4 Assisted by a strong wind a goalkeeper throws the ball into his opponent's goal. Should you award: (a) a goal, (b) a goal-kick or (c) re-start with a drop ball?



5 During a match you are injured and the senior linesman takes over. Must you then go as linesman?



1. No. 2. A goal (a). 3. No. The throw should be retaken. 4. A goal (a). 5. No. It happened in my match between Bristol City and Stoke City when after only a couple of minutes of the first-half I pulled a muscle. My senior linesman Roger Gifford took over but I wanted to help him and stayed on the line until half-time and then had a substitute from the stands.

ANSWERS

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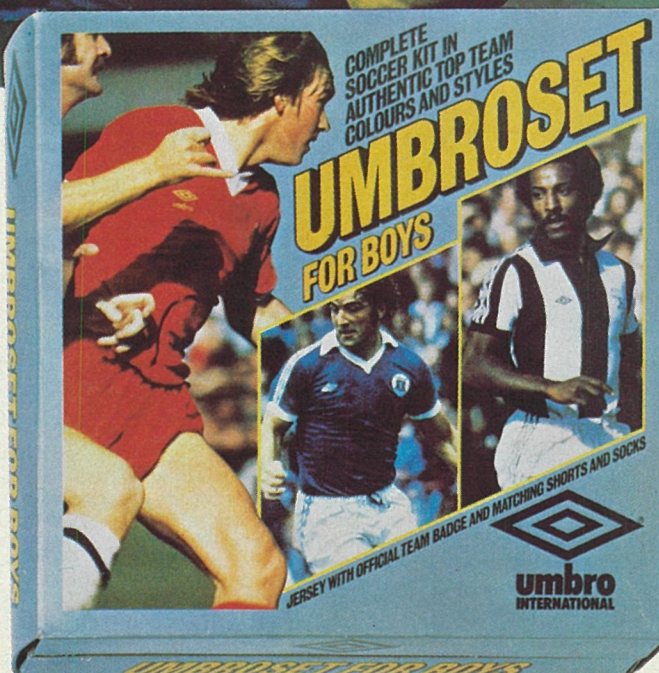
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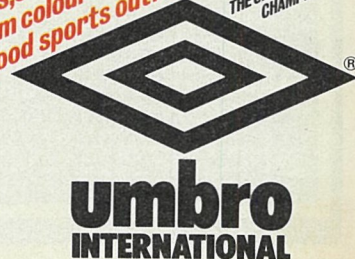
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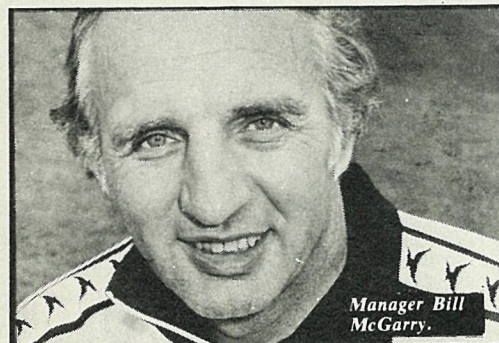
BACK ROW (left to right): John Connolly, Steve Hardwick, Kevin Carr, Peter Manners, David Barton.
CENTRE ROW: John Brownlie, Gary Nicholson, Tommy Cassidy, Colin Suggett, Jamie Scott, Kenny Mitchell, Jim Pearson, Keith Mulgrove, Stuart Robinson, Ian McFaul, Alan Shoulder, John Bird.

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FRONT ROW: Peter Cartwright, Mick Martin, Peter Withe, Nigel Walker, Bill McGarry (manager), Terry Hobbitt, Irving Natrass (now Middlesbrough), Kenny Wharton.

THE FANS WHO STUNNED MCGARRY



Manager Bill McGarry.

"I'VE never known so much hate in a football area. I've spoken to supporters on Tyneside and been astonished by the bitter criticism of the club."

This was Newcastle United manager Bill McGarry describing the state of affairs at St James' Park early in 1978, shortly after being appointed the Gallowgate boss. But happily, he takes a different view of the soccer situation with The Magpies today.

Says McGarry: "When I became manager at Newcastle, I pointed out that the only way the team could get out of trouble was by pulling together — and I meant everybody. And this certainly applies to this season, as we now have a side capable of doing much better than 1978-79."

"I'm delighted to have Stuart Boam with us. He has physical strength and a lot of character, and he is a great organiser at the back."

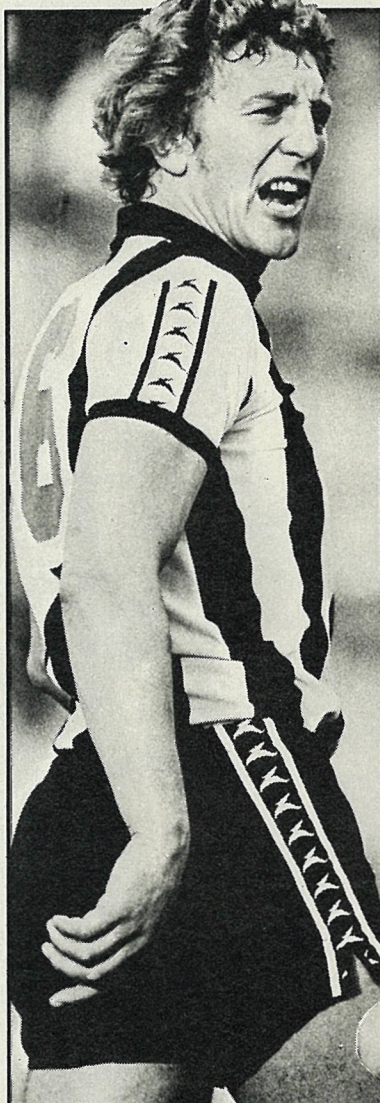
'Rearguard'

One defender who can vouch for manager McGarry's view of Boam is Newcastle right-back John Brownlie. "Stuart tightens things up — the rearguard is more solid now and we are less likely to make mistakes. Also, there is better cover with Stuart Boam, Dave Barton and John Bird all available for the centre-back position."

Brownlie, who was signed by Bill McGarry from Hibernian and prepared himself for the challenge of English football last season shares the optimism of his manager and his team-mates that United can do well in 1979-80.

"The good start we made to this season worked wonders for our confidence, carrying us to the top of the Second Division in October. Also the crowds rolled up again at St. James' Park to supply the sort of atmosphere Newcastle need."

"And this is the problem — making sure we stay there. From experience, I know that there has often been clubs among the leaders in the Autumn who have slipped to nowhere when December comes along. Christmas is the period that sorts out the men from the boys."



"Last season, our away record prevented us from taking our place as serious promotion challengers — frankly, it was deplorable. This time I'm looking for us to concede fewer goals when we travel, because of a more watertight defence, plus the fact that up-front, young Peter Cartwright is a promising youngster whose link-up with Peter Withe, Billy Rafferty

and Alan Shoulder can put extra pressure on the opposition.

"What surprises me is that Peter Cartwright hasn't been snapped up before this season by football scouts who spread a wide net for teenage players. He was 21 before they realised his potential."

"He was playing in the Northern League, as was Alan Shoulder when he was discovered, and I hope Peter makes the same impact on the big pro scene as Alan did. Mention of Alan Shoulder reminds me that he had tucked away six penalties by the end of September, even though his all-round form hadn't been as good as it was in 1978-79."

"It was one of Alan's penalties, against Wrexham, that won the match for us. I recall the incident well, because I gained the spot kick for Newcastle when I was overlapping on the right. When I saw the

game on television it didn't look as though the tackle made on me by Joey Jones was a foul, and I said so after the game — but a decision of the same sort could be made against us next week."

If Newcastle can maintain their early-season form, the careful optimism of manager Bill McGarry and John Brownlie could be justified by a spot among the top three in May — and already this season the United boss has felt the fates have been kind to him in one respect.

Says Bill: "I have been able to keep a more settled team together — that is usually a formula for success. As a manager, I can't remember experiencing a worse season than last for injuries, though I'm not making this an excuse for some of our disappointments."

"The remainder of the season is going to be testing. There is a challenge ahead. And a lot of hard work to be done."



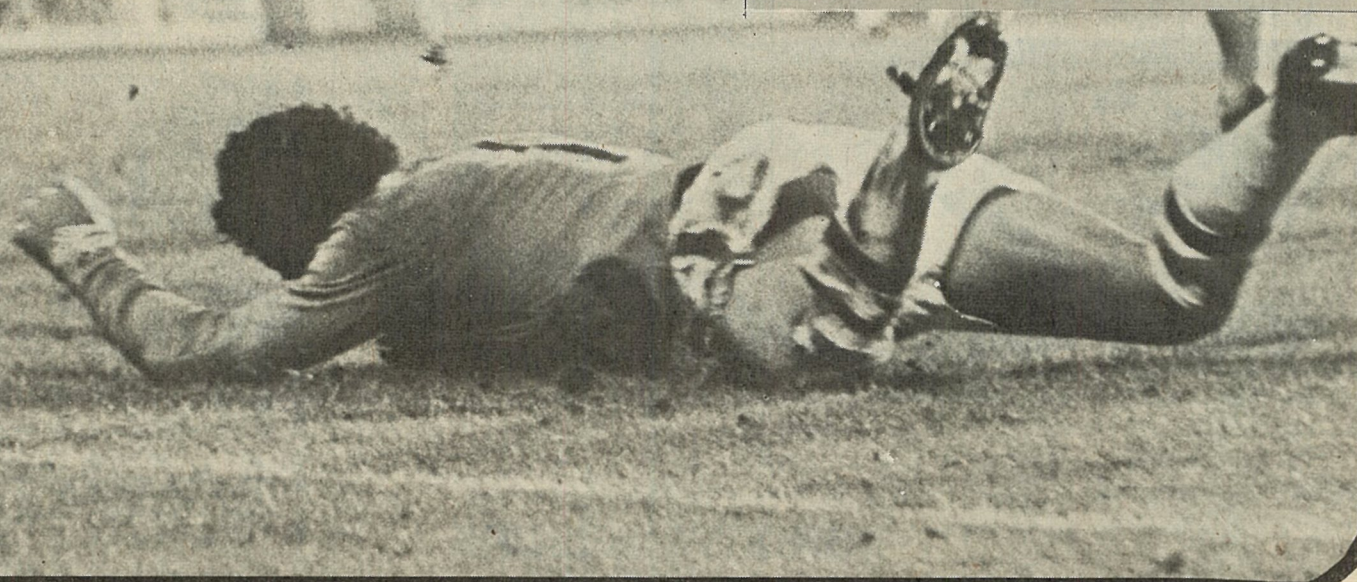
Stuart Boam (left) and John Brownlie (right, stripes) hope to lead Newcastle to promotion this season.

WINNERS

The match-winning hero, Wolves' airbound Mel Eves, against Crystal Palace.



West Bromwich Albion's Bryan Robson (above, stripes) scores in the League Cup-tie at Fulham. Manchester United's striker Ashley Grimes (dark shirt, right), heads the only goal against Ipswich at Old Trafford. Morton's Bobby Thompson (below, number 9) scores the winner against Celtic.



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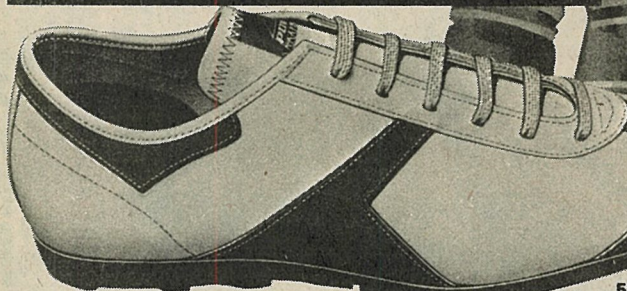
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'I'm a nice fella really'

-SAMMY NELSON

A LONG with Arsenal skipper Pat Rice, Sammy Nelson has formed one of the most consistent and successful full-back partnerships Arsenal and Northern Ireland have had. But while Pat plays his cards close to his chest, keeping his emotions under control like a Mississippi gambler, Sammy plays with his heart on his sleeve.

Before this SHOOT interview, Sammy was out training with the rest of the Arsenal first team squad, at the club's London Colney headquarters. If the treasured F.A. Cup had been at stake, he couldn't have given more effort. He dived into tackles. Raced up the wing. Sprinted back to cover. Screamed encouragement at his team-mates and cursed himself for his own errors.

And this was in a seven-a-side, where Pat Jennings was starring as a striker!

Nelson is an enthusiastic player, but is he really the "wild man" some critics would have us believe? The 'shorts-dropping' affair of last season won him some hard headlines. Obviously, it wasn't a very sensible thing to do, even in the heat of the moment, and it was suggested it was Sammy's way of insulting the Highbury fans who had given him some stick, after scoring an own-goal earlier in the game.

"No, I assure you that wasn't true," said Nelson, firmly. "One Pressman started the story and that's what hurt me more than anything else. Why should I want to insult the club or the fans? Remember it was my testimonial season and we'd just reached the Cup Final. So why would I want to start insulting people? It was stupid.

"Then there was the incident against Liverpool last year, when I was accused of walking on Thompson, which was a load of rubbish. You could see on television that I tried to get out of his way. I wouldn't even comment to the Press about that. I knew what they wanted . . .

"One of the best things about Arsenal is the way people have stood by me, when I've needed their support. They know the kind of person I am and they judge me on that. You don't stay at Arsenal for 14 years if you're a bad fella."

Nelson admits he's keenly competitive when he pulls on his Arsenal shirt, but the will to win doesn't put him in the wrong.



younger. And he retains the spirited love of the game he first showed as a kid in Belfast.

"The summer breaks seem to be getting shorter," he said, "and I like to go home to Ireland and get right away from football for a few weeks. But as soon as we start training again for a new season, the enthusiasm returns. That feeling runs right through the club. You saw it for yourself, out there on the training pitch. We may have a laugh and a joke, but there's a lot of hard work going on.

"One of my happiest memories is of hearing the final whistle at Wembley last season and winning the F.A. Cup. We deserved it, you know. A lot of people said United were unlucky, but we were definitely on top for most of the match. It may have looked different from the stands, but that was the feeling on the pitch. I still get a cold shiver down my spine when I think of Alan Sunderland hitting the winner.

"That was a great game of football. Nobody could have written a better ending.

"People have written things about me that I don't think

are true," he said, finally. "But what really matters is that people inside the game know I'm an aggressive player, but fair."

And it is that aggression which has been behind Arsenal's fine tradition in Cup football in recent years.

Sammy's game seems geared to the cut and thrust excitement of sudden-death soccer, and it is testimony to his effectiveness when one considers that The Gunners have reached the last two F.A. Cup Finals, and this season have already won their way through to the last eight of the European Cup-Winners' Cup.

Sammy would never claim to be a saint on the park, but he's not a cynical sinner either!

"I've had my share of bookings," he said. "Things happen when you get involved in the game. But I've never gone out to maliciously kick or hurt anyone. My main thought, every Saturday, is to play my best. I think consistency is the greatest asset any player can have. That's far better than being brilliant one week and poor the next. If Terry Neill was to say, 'I know I can depend on a good, solid performance from Sammy every week,' that'd be the greatest compliment I could receive."

Nelson is 30 now, but he looks

Pat Rice, Nelson's Arsenal and Northern Ireland full-back partner.

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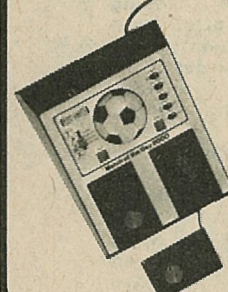
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A 'prisoner' at Chelsea

EVEN in today's fast and furious ever-changing soccer world, Eamonn Bannon, Scotland's most expensive buy at £165,000, must have set some sort of weird record by playing under four different managers in only 11 months!

Bannon, Dundee United's recent signing from Chelsea, was the unfortunate victim of the transfer whirlpool that can pull in unsuspecting players, whisk them around in a crazy frenzy and leave them spinning when they finally escape.

Scottish Under-21 midfielder Bannon took his undoubted talents to Stamford Bridge last January when Hearts manager Willie Ormond accepted a £200,000 bid from Danny Blanchflower. The transfer was surrounded in controversy and the Tynecastle fans threatened to boycott their favourites in their anger and frustration.

Jock Stein was — and still is — a fan of Bannon's style and it was a huge surprise when he failed to hit it off at Chelsea.

Packing

Blanchflower, of course, moved out of the hot seat with Geoff Hurst taking over and Bannon was soon packing his bags and crossing the border again to play for boss number four — Jim McLean at Dundee United.

No one doubts Bannon's talents, so what went wrong at Chelsea? "I'm an attacking player and like going forward," says Bannon.

"But Danny Blanchflower wanted to play me deep in midfield and, quite simply, the move didn't come off. Then when Geoff Hurst took over he didn't think I would fit into his plans. That, in a nutshell, is why I accepted Dundee United's offer to come back to Scotland.

"I will say this, though. I might have failed to hit it off at Stamford Bridge, but I'm glad I didn't miss the experience. I don't think it will do me any harm at all."

The exciting 21-year-old was a

*now enjoying
his freedom
with
Dundee United*



Derek Addison (light shirt), now Bannon's Dundee United teammate, against Hearts.

part-time player in his last spell in Scotland with Hearts, but he will be going full-time with United.

"I was going through a physical education course when I was with the Tynecastle side," says Bannon, "but I'm going to devote everything I have to United while I'm at Tannadice."

Bannon, who has picked up six Scottish Under-21 caps, hasn't left his ambition in England. "Of course I want to get among the honours," he says. "Dundee United are a progressive club and

that suits me down to the ground."

The player is also eager to make the full international breakthrough and the fact that he is now the highest-priced player in Scottish club history isn't likely to weigh too heavily on his shoulders.

The 12,000 fans who watched him play in a League match against Aberdeen at Pittodrie were proclaiming him the bargain of the season. United walloped The Dons 3-0 and Bannon was outstanding in everything he did.

He continually upset the Aberdeen defenders with his direct attacking and seven minutes from time he scored a brilliant goal that he so richly deserved. Bannon broke on the right, swept past a defender, took the ball inside, played a swift one-two with Graeme Payne and then hit a devastating first-time left foot effort low past Bobby Clark into the net.

It was all so simple. All too easy. Bannon is now in the role he enjoys. He is enjoying his freedom in Scotland with United. He has been released from his 'imprisonment' in England and he is flourishing again with great style.

Welcome home, Eamonn Bannon... that's the message from the happy United fans.

NOBBY



LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

Saturday, October 27

Third Division

Continued

OXFORD (0) 1 (Berry) 4,007
CARLISLE (0) 0
Oxford: Burton, Taylor, Fogg, Briggs, Stott, Jeffrey, Graydon, Duncan, Berry, Cooke, Hodgson.
Carlisle: Swinburne, Hoolickin, Winstanley, MacDonald, Beardsley, Parker, McVitie, Ludlam, Bannon, Hamilton, Staniforth.

PLYMOUTH (0) 0
BRENTFORD (0) 1 (Graham) 5,206
Plymouth: Crudgington, Hodges, McNeill, Bason, Phillipson-Masters, Foster, Megson, Kemp, Binney, Randell, Harrison.
Brentford: Bond, Salman, Tucker, McNichol, Kruse, Fraser, Carlton, Graham, Holmes (L), Smith, Phillips.

READING (1) 3 (Earles 2, Alexander)
BURY (0) 1 (Hilton) 5,315
Reading: Death, Hetzke, White, Bowman, Shipperley, Moreline, Earles, Alexander, Heale, Sanchez, Wanklyn.
Bury: Forrest, Waldron, Kennedy, Lugg, Howard, Whitehead, Wilson, Madden, (Hilton), Johnson, Gregory, Taylor.

SHEFF UTD (0) 0
MILLWALL (1) 1 (Chatterton) 19,149
Sheff Utd: Conroy, Moore, Tibbott, Kenworthy, McPhail, Jones, de Goey, Garner, Bourne, Butlin, Sabella.
Millwall: Jackson, Donaldson, Gregory, Chatterton, Tagg, Blyth, Towner, Seaman, Lyons, Mehmet (Coleman), Kinsella.

WIMBLEDON (1) 3 (Leslie, Parsons, Cork)
SHEFF WED (2) 4 (Curran 2, Lowey, Smith pen.) 6,009
Wimbledon: Goddard, Perkins, Jones, Galliers, Bowgett, Cunningham, Ketteridge (Dziadulewicz), Parsons, Leslie, Cork, Lewington.
Sheff Wed: Cox, Johnson, Grant, Mullen, Smith, Leman, Wylde, Porterfield, Lowey, King, Curran.

Fourth Division

BRADFORD C. (0) 2 (Dolan, McNiven)
BOURNEMOUTH (1) 2 (MacDougall, Chambers) 5,807
Bradford C: Smith, Podd, Watson, Wood, Baines, Cooper, Bates, Dolan, Staniforth, McNiven, Jones.
Bournemouth: Allen, Cunningham, Ferns, Townsend, Impey, Borthwick, Holder, MacDougall, Butler, Chambers, Miller.

DARLINGTON (1) 1 (McLean)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Parkinson) 1,675
Darlington: Owers, Coleman, Cochrane, Ball, Bainbridge, Smith, McLean, Charlton, Stalker, Peachey, Walsh.
Peterborough: Waugh, Gynn, Phillips, Chard (Quow), Carmichael, Foster, Guy, Kellock, Cliss, Parkinson, Robson.

HARTLEPOOL (1) 3 (Harding, Lawrence, Newton)
CREWE (1) 1 (Nelson) 2,608
Hartlepool: Burleigh, Sweeney, Normanton, Lawrence, Carr, Ayre, Linacre, Houchen, Newton, Harding, Loadwick.
Crewe: Fezgate, Lewis, Bowers, McMahon, Scott, Prophett, Bevan, Guy, Chesters (Goldthorpe), Nelson, Coyne.

HEREFORD (0) 0
ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Brodie) 2,939
Hereford: Hughes, Price, Burrows, Marshall (Hunt), Layton, Birchenall, Feeley, Spiring, McGrellis, Jones, White.

Aldershot: Johnson, Scott, Wooler, Dixon, Bennett, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, French (Green), Needham, McGregor.

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2 (Cowling 2, 1 pen.)
YORK (1) 2 (Eccles 2) 7,547
Huddersfield: Starling, Brown, Robinson, Stanton, Sutton, Topping (Purdie), Laverick, Hart, Fletcher, Robins, Cowling.
York: Neenan, Kamara, Kay, Pugh (Randall), Clements, James, Lorimer, Stronach, Eccles, McDonald, Wellings.

LINCOLN (0) 1 (Hartford)
STOCKPORT (0) 0 3,707
Lincoln: Grotier, Guest, Neale, Watson, Saunders, Peake, Hobson, Carr, Harford, Sunley (Cunningham), Cockerill.
Stockport: Lawson, Thorpe (Edwards), Rutter, Fogarty, Czuczman, Chapman, Lovell, Park, Bradd, Henson, Sherlock.

NEWPORT (1) 3 (Tynan 2, Oakes)
WIGAN (2) 2 (Methven, Quinn) 4,910
Newport: Plumley, Walden, Relish, Davies, Oakes, Bailey, Vaughan, Lowndes, Tynan, Aldridge, Moore.
Wigan: Brown, Fretwell, Hinnigan, Gore, Methven, Davids, Corrigan, Wright, Cuckley (Smart), Quinn, Urquhart.

TORQUAY (2) 3 (Lawrence, Davies, Sermanni)
HALIFAX (0) 0 3,340
Torquay: Turner, Pethard, Ritchie, Larmour, Bourne, Sermanni, Davies, Twitchin, Lawrence, Murphy, Coffill.
Halifax: Kilner Dunleavy, Hutt, Evans, Harris, Hendrie, Firth, Kennedy, Geidmintis (Stafford), Goodman, Burke.

WALSALL (1) 2 (McDonough, Penn)
PORT VALE (0) 1 (Woolfall) 4,976
Walsall: Green, Macken, Mower, Sbragia, Serella, Paul, Penn, Williams, McDonough, Buckley, Caswell.
Port Vale: Dance, Keenan, Griffiths, Beach, Bowls (Jones), Sproson, Woolfall, Farrell, Wright, Bentley, Healy.

Scottish Premier

CELTIC (0) 1 (McDonald)
RANGERS (0) 0 56,000
Celtic: Latchford, Sneddon, McGrain, Aitken, McDonald, MacLeod, Provan, Sullivan, McCluskey (Edvaldasson), Burns (Conroy), McAdam.
Rangers: McCloy, Miller, Forsyth (A), Jardine, Stevens, Watson, McLean (Smith), MacDonald (A), Johnstone, Urquhart, Cooper.

DUNDEE UTD (2) 4 (Pettigrew, Fleming 2, Kirkwood)
KILMARNOCK (0) 0 6,430
Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Stark, Kopel, Phillip, Hegarty, Narey, Kirkwood, Sturrock (Milne), Pettigrew, Fleming, Payne (Dodds)
Kilmarnock: McCulloch, McLean, Robertson, Clark, Clarke, McDicken, Houston (Docherty), Gibson, Cairney (Maxwell), Bourke, Mauchien.

HIBS (1) 1 (Hutchinson)
ABERDEEN (0) 1 (Watson) 6,500
Hibs: McArthur, Brazil, Brown (J), Brown, (S), (Campbell), Paterson, Rae, Callachan, Ward, Hutchinson, MacLeod, Higgins.
Aberdeen: Clark, Kennedy, Considine (Watson), McLeish, Garner, Miller, Strachan, Archibald, Jarvie (Harper), McMaster, Scanlon.

PARTICK (1) 1 (McAdam pen.)
MORTON (2) 4 (Homes, Ritchie, McNeil, Thomson) 8,500
Partick: Rough, McKinnon (Love), Whittaker, Campbell, Marr, Gibson, Doyle, McAdam (McDonald), Jardine, Melrose, O'Hara.
Morton: Baines, Hayes, Holmes, Orr, McLoughlin, McLaren, McNeill, Brown, Thomson (Hutchinson), Tolmie, Ritchie.

ST. MIRREN (3) 4 (Stark, Somner 2, Weir).
DUNDEE (1) 2 (McGrachie, Murphy) 6,000
St. Mirren: Thomson, Young, Munro, Richardson, Fulton, Copland, Bone, Stark, Somner, Abercrombie (Torrance), Weir.
Dundee: Donaldson, Barr, Schaedler, Millar, Glennie, Caldwell, Fletcher, McLaren, Sinclair, McGeachie, Murphy.



Aberdeen's Drew Jarvie (right) tackles Hibernian's Gordon Rae.

Scottish First

ARBROATH (1) 3 (Kidd, Yule, Myles)
MOTHERWELL (0) 2 (Clinging, Rafferty) 1,373
AYR (1) 2 (Frye, Morris)
HEARTS (0) 0 4,500
BERWICK (0) 0
DUNFERMLINE (0) 1 (McNaughton) 1,484

CLYDEBANK (1) 2 (Miller, Sweeney)
CLYDE (0) 2 (McCabe, Brogan) 1,000
HAMILTON (0) 1 (McCulloch)
DUMBARTON (0) 0 3,000

RAITH (0) 1 (Lapsley o.g.)
AIRDRIE (0) 2 (McCulloch, Clark) 2,500
STIRLING (0) 1 (Kennedy A.)
ST. JOHNSTONE (0) 2 (Brannigan, Brogan) 1,250

Scottish Second

ALLOA (0) 1 (Muir)
STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 1 (Jack) 750
COWDENBEATH (0) 2 (Finlayson o.g. Purdie)
E. FIFE (2) 2 (Young, Finlayson) 834
FALKIRK (1) 1 (Brown)
E. STIRLING (1) 2 (Lamont 2) 4,000
FORFAR (1) 1 (Clark)
BRECHIN (0) 1 (Campbell I.) 1,500
MEADOWBANK (0) 2 (Lettion, Boyd)
MONTROSE (1) 1 (Murray) 200

Q o S (1) 1 (Alexander)
STRANRAER (1) 2 (McCutcheon, Gibb) 850
QUEEN'S PARK (1) 2 (Sinclair, Aitken)
ALBION (0) 2 (Campbell, Houston) 500

Sunday, October 28

League of Ireland

DROGHEDA UTD (0) 1 (Freaney)
SLIGO ROVERS (0) 1 (Hulmes)
Drogheda Utd: Forrestal; Campbell, Cameron, Roche, Ferguson, Martin, Doran, Freaney, Tuite, Clarke, Stephens (Leech).

Sligo Rovers: Patterson; Fielding, O'Doherty (D), Fagan, Rutherford, Stenson, McLoughlin, Patton, Bradley, O'Doherty (G), Hulmes.

FINN HARPS (0) 0
SHAMROCK ROVERS (0) 0

Finn Harps: McDermott; Ferry, Monagle, McDowell, Sheridan, Duffy, Logan, McLoughlin (C), McLoughlin (J), McGroarty.

Shamrock Rovers: O'Neill; Burke, Mulligan, Gannon, Synott, O'Leary, Meagan, Byrne, Treacy, Gaffney, Buckley.

GALWAY ROVERS (1) 1 (Collins)
ATHLONE TOWN (0) 0

Galway Rovers: Lally; Herrick, Murphy, Sheenan, McDaid, Daly (Nolan), Cooke, Mannion, Collins, Cassidy, Gaynor (Quinlivan).
Athlone Town: Smyth; Fenuik, Fullam, McCue, Smith, Clarke, O'Connor (P), Davis (O'Connor (M)), Salmon (Whelan), Devlin, Wyse.

ST PATRICK'S ATH (0) 0
DUNDALK (0) 1 (Lawlor Mick)

St Pat's: O'Brien; Malone, Murphy, Doyle, Munnely, Rogers, Carthy (Kirwan), Saul, Hynes, O'Donnell, Jameson.
Dundalk: Blackmore; McConville, Dunning, McKenna, Keely, Lawlor Martin, Daly, Flanagan, Byrne, Devine (Crawley), Lawlor Mick, Muckian.

SHELBOURNE (0) 1 (Delamere)
LIMERICK UTD (2) 4 (Walsh, Hand (pen), Kennedy, Higgins o.g.)

Shelbourne: Byrne; Higgins, Ryan, Moody, Hannon, Nugent (Nicholl), Lewis, Donovan, Donnelly (Dillon), Delamere, Barber.
Limerick Utd: Fitzpatrick; Ryan, O'Mahony, Storan, Mullalley, Nolan, Hand (Meaney), Walsh (Collins), Morris, Kennedy, Matthews.

THURLES TOWN (2) 3 (Steedman, Ryan o.g.)

HOME FARM (1) 1 (Williams)
Thurles Town: Dunne; Doran, McQuaid, O'Brian, Tierney, Heffernan, Conway, Lawson, Steedman, Humphries, Jenkins.
Home Farm: Finnerty; Maher, Ryan, Breslin, Brady, Williams, Neville, King, O'Neill, Thomas, McCluskey.

U.C.D. (1) 1 (Deeney)
BOHEMIANS (3) 4 (Lawless 2, Byrne, Burke)

UCD: McCabe; Geogh, Fox, Deeney, McDonnell, McGovern, Cassidy (Kelly), Scully, Evans (McDonagh), Dignam, Moran.
Bohemians: Davis; Gregg, Brady, Kelly, Burke, Whelan, Lawless, McCormack, Byrne, O'Riordan, Eviston.

WATERFORD (0) 0
CORK UTD (0) 0

Waterford: Thomas; Dunphy, Gardiner, Finucane, Carey, Jackson, Murray, Power, Keane, McCarthy, Flanagan (Madigan).
Cork Utd: Ludzic; Neiland (B), Sheehan, Keane,

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Neiland (P), Punch, Waters (Cuthbert), Morley, Wiggington, Lane (J), Lane (R).

Monday, October 29

International

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND (0) 3 (Grealish, Givens, Anderson)
UNITED STATES (1) 2 (Dibbernardo, Villa) (Dalymount Park) 17,000

Rep. of Ireland: Kearns; Hughton, Martin, O'Leary (P) (Anderson), Grimes, Murphy, Grealish, Chandler (Mulligan), McGee (Givens), O'Callaghan, Highway.

U.S.A.: Dubose; Bellinger, Pecher, Keough, Dibbernardo (Van der Beck), Makowski, Cantillo, Bandov, Nanchoff, Villa, Liveric (Pesa).

Third Division

SOUTHEM (0) 0

GILLINGHAM (2) 3 (Westwood, Bruce, Crabbe) 4,447

Southend: Cawston, Dudley, Moody, Hadley, Walker (Nelson), Stead, Otulakowski, Morris, Pountney, Tuohy, Gray.

Gillingham: Hillyard, Sharpe, Barker, Overton, Weatherley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Bruce, Richardson, Westwood, Funnell.

League of Ireland

GALWAY ROVERS (0) 2 (Cassidy, Collins)

ST PATRICK'S ATH (0) 0

Galway: Lally; Herrick, McDaid, Sheehan, Murphy, Cooke, Quinlivan (Gaynor), Mannion, Cassidy, Collins, Nolan.

St Pat's Ath: O'Brian; Browning, Munnely, Rogers (Saul), Murphy, Malone, Hynes, Carthy (Conay), O'Donnell, Jameson, Hickey.

SLIGO ROVERS (0) 1 (Fagan)

HOME FARM (0) 0

Sligo: Patterson; Fielding, O'Docherty (D), Fagan, Rutherford, Stenson, McLoughlin, Paten, Bradley, O'Docherty (G), Hulmes.

Home Farm: Finnerty; Maher, Ryan, Breslin, Brady, Williams, Neville, King, O'Neill, Thomas, Cleary.

Tuesday, October 30

League Cup

Fourth Round

BRIGHTON (0) 0

ARSENAL (0) 0

25,231

Brighton: Moseley, Clark, Williams, Horton, Foster, Stevens, Ryan, Chivers, Maybank, Sayer, O'Sullivan.

Arsenal: Jennings, Rice (Gatting), Nelson, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Hollins, Rix.

BRISTOL C (0) 1 (Sweeney)

NOTTM FOREST (1) 1 (O'Hare)

25,695

Bristol C: Shaw, Sweeney, Whitehead, Mabbutt, Rodgers (Hay), Merrick, Fitzpatrick, Ritchie, Royle, Mann, Tainton.

Nottm Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Hare, Francis, Birtles, Woodcock, Robertson.

GRIMSBY (2) 2 (Brolly 2)

EVERTON (1) 1 (Kidd)

22,043

Grimsbey: Batch, Stone, Moore (K), Waters, Wiggington, Crombie, Brolly, Ford, Drinkell, Mitchell, Cumming.

Everton: Wood, Wright, Bailey, Lyons, Higgins, Ross, Nulty (O'Keefe), Stanley, Latchford, Kidd, Eastoe.

LIVERPOOL (0) 2 (Fairclough 2)

EXETER (0) 0

21,019

Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish

(Fairclough), Case, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.

Exeter: O'Keefe, Mitchell, Hatch, Hore, Giles, Forbes (Rogers, P), Neville, Pearson, Bowker, Delve, Pullar.

Q.P.R. (1) 1 (Allen)

WOLVES (0) 1 (Hibbitt)

20,984

Q.P.R.: Woods, Shanks, Gillard, McCreery, Hazell, Wicks, Bowles, Roeder, Allen, Currie (Goddard), Walsh.

Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Parkin, Daniel (Brazier), Hughes, Berry, Hibbitt, Carr, Gray, Clarke, Thomas.

WIMBLEDON (0) 1 (Perkins)

SWINDON (0) 2 (Rowland, Bates)

7,478

Wimbledon: Goddard, Perkins, Jones (Denny), Galliers, Bowgett, Cunningham, Dziadulewicz, Parsons, Leslie, Cork, Lewington.

Swindon: Allen, Templeman, Lewis, McHale, Tucker, Stroud, Miller (Bates), Carter, Rowland, Mayes, Williams.



Q.P.R.'s Stan Bowles and George Berry of Wolves challenge for possession in their League Cup tie at Loftus Road.

Fourth Division

ALDERSHOT (1) 2 (Crosby, Brodie)

PETERBOROUGH (0) 0

4,168

Aldershot: Johnson, Scott, Wooler, Dixon, Bennett, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, Shanahan (Green), Needham, Tomlin.

Peterborough: Waugh, McVay, Collins, Guy, Carmichael, Foster, Gynn, Kellock, Cliss, Parkinson, Robson.

ANGLO SCOTTISH CUP

Semi-Final, first-leg

SHEFF UTD (0) 0

ST. MIRREN (0) 0

9,243

Sheff Utd: Conroy, Moore, Tibbott, Kenworthy, McPhail, Speight, de Goey, Bourne (Brown), Butlin, Garner, Sabella.

St. Mirren: Thomson, Young, Munro, Richardson, Fulton, Copland, Bone, Stark, Somner, Weir, Torrance.

Wednesday, Oct 31

LEAGUE CUP

Fourth Round

SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Brown)

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Pike)

30,302

Sunderland: Siddall, Whitworth, Gilbert, Clarke, Hindmarsh, Elliott, Arnott, Lee, Brown, Robson, Rowell.

West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Holland, Allen, Pike, Cross, Brooking (Lansdowne), Devonshire.

W.B.A. (0) 0

NORWICH (0) 0

25,000

W.B.A.: Godden, Batson, Statham, Mills, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Owen, Brown (T).

Norwich: Keelan, Bond, Downs, Taylor (Jones), Brown, Powell, Goble, Reeves, Fashanu, Paddon, Peters.

Third Division

OXFORD (0) 1 (Foley)

PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Trusson)

3,824

Oxford: Burton, Taylor, Fogg, Briggs, Stott, Jeffrey, Graydon, Duncan, Berry, Cooke, Hodgson (Foley).

Plymouth: Crudgington, James, McNeill, Randall, Foster, Phillpott-Masters, Hodges, Kemp, Sims, Bason, Harrison (Trusson).

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

Quarter-Final first-leg

ABERDEEN (2) 3 (Archibald 3)

CELTIC (1) 2 (Edvaldsson, Provan)

24,000

Aberdeen: Clark, Kennedy, Considine, McLeish, Garner, Miller, Strachan, Archibald, Harper (Jarvie), McMaster, Scanlon (Bell).

Celtic: Latchford, Sneddon, McGrain, Aitken, McDonald, MacLeod, Provan, Edvaldsson, Doyle (Lennox), Conroy, McAdam.

DUNDEE UTD (0) 0

RAITH (0) 0

7,200

Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Stark, Kopel (Dodds), Phillip (Kirkwood), Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Sturrock, Pettigrew, Fleming, Payne.

Raith: McDermott, Houston, Candlish, Ford, Forsyth, Thomson (D), Wallace, Urquhart, Harrow, Carroll, Miller.

HAMILTON (1) 3 (Howie, Fairlie 2)

DUNDEE (0) 1 (Sinclair)

3,871

Hamilton: Ferguson, Frew, Kellachan, Wright, McDougall, Alexander, Fairlie, Graham, Howie (McGrogan), McCulloch, Grant (McManus).

Dundee: Donaldson, Turnbull (Glennie), Schaefer, Millar, Caldwell, Barr, McGeachie (Murphy), McLaren, Pirie, Sinclair, Shirra.



MORTON (1) 3 (Thomson, Ritchie, Hutchison)

KILMARNOCK (1) 2 (McLean, Street)

7,000

Morton: Baines, Hayes, Holmes, Orr, McLaughlin, Hutchison, McNeill, Brown (Scott), Thomson, Tolmie, Ritchie.

Kilmarnock: McCulloch, McLean, Robertson, Clark, Clarke, McDicken, Gibson, Maxwell, Bourke, Mauchlen, Street.

Friday, November 2

Third Division

COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Gough)

HULL (1) 1 (Moss)

4,510

Colchester: Walker, Cook, Packer, Leslie, Wignall, Dowman, Hodge (Rowles), Gough, Foley, Lee, Allinson.

Hull: Blackburn, Nisbet, DeVries, Croft, Dobson, Tait, Roberts, Moss, Edwards, Phillips, Hawker.

Fourth Division

STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Bradd)

WALSALL (0) 0

3,323

Stockport: Lawson, Edwards, Rutter, Fogarty, Czuczman, Chapman, Lovell, Bradd, Henson, Park, Sherlock (Sword).

Walsall: Green, Macken, Mower, Sbragia, Serella, Waddington, Penn, Williams, McDonough, Buckley, Caswell.

Saturday, November 3

First Division

ARSENAL (0) 3 (Rix, Brady pen, Sunderland)

BRIGHTON (0) 0

34,400

Arsenal: Jennings, Devine, Nelson, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland (Gatting), Stapleton, Hollins, Rix.

Brighton: Moseley, Rollings, Williams, Horton, Foster, Stevens, Ryan, Clarke, Maybank (Ward), Sayer, O'Sullivan.

ASTON VILLA (2) 3 (Shaw, Evans, Mortimer)

BOLTON (0) 1 (Whatmore)

24,744

Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Gibson, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Little, Geddis, Cowans, Shaw.

Bolton: McDonough, Nicholson, Burke, Allardyce (Greaves), Jones, Walsh, Morgan, Whatmore, Gowing, Cantello, Thompson.

COVENTRY (1) 1 (McDonald)

STOKE (2) 3 (Jones o.g., Heath, Crooks)

16,761

Coventry: Sealey, Jones (Whitton), McDonald, Blair, Holton, Coop, Hutchison, Gooding, English, Wallace, Hunt.

Stoke: Jones, Evans, Scott, Johnson, Smith, Dodd, Irvine, Heath, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Richardson.

C. PALACE (1) 2 (Walsh, Swindlehurst)

MAN. CITY (0) 0

29,443

C. Palace: Burridge, Hinshelwood, Sansom, Nicholas, Cannon, Gilbert, Murphy, Kember, Walsh, Swindlehurst, Hilaire (Smillie).

Man. City: Corrigan, Ranson, Power, Bennett, Caton, Fletcher, MacKenzie, Daley, Robinson, Reid (Henry), Silkman.

Ian Walsh (light strip, centre) scores Crystal Palace's first in the 2-0 win against Manchester City.

DERBY (1) 2 (Hill, Emery)

W.B.A. (1) 1 (Robson)

21,408

Derby: McKeller, Langan, Buckley, Rioch, McCaffery, Osgood, Emery, Powell, Duncan, Davies, Hill.

W.B.A.: Godden, Batson, Statham, Mills, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Deehan, Owen, Brown (T) (Regis).

LEEDS (1) 1 (Gray)

BRISTOL C (1) 3 (Mabbutt 2, Merrick)

17,376

Leeds: Lukic, Cherry, Stevenson, Hampton (Harris), Hart, Madeley, Chandler, Entwistle, Hankin, Curtis, Gray.

Bristol C: Shaw, Sweeney, Whitehead, Mabbutt, Hay, Merrick, Fitzpatrick, Ritchie, Royle, Mann, Tainton.

LIVERPOOL (1) 3 (Dalglish 2, Kennedy R.)

WOLVES (0) 0

49,541

Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.

Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Parkin, Patching, Hughes, Berry, Hibbitt, Carr, Gray, Richards, Thomas.

THE future of the club has to be in the hands of the kids — that's the only way we can look to the future." With that frank assessment, Millwall manager George Petchey plots the future of the South London club along the lines followed so successfully by neighbours Crystal Palace.

Millwall have one of the most promising bunches of youngsters in the country. Their youth side won the F.A. Youth Cup last season and now those Cup-winning kids are pressing their claims for inclusion in The Lions first team.

It's not hard to see the similarity with Palace, who built their current success on the victory of their Youth side a few seasons back. And in a world which is dominated by big money transfer fees, small clubs like Millwall simply cannot compete at such levels. So a youth policy is the only answer.

'Average'

Petchey says: "We have quite a number of young players who are well above average ability. In fact, they can become great little players if they go on developing as they are. Apart from the ones who have already played occasionally in the side like Dave Mehmet, Kevin O'Callaghan, Phil Roberts and Tony Kinsella, there are others a little younger like Robinson, Martyn, McKenna and Massey."

Exactly how much Petchey rates his youngsters was demonstrated when the club rejected a £1 million offer from Tampa Bay Rowdies for Mehmet, O'Callaghan and Kinsella.

All three had been brought to

The Young Lions



Celebration time for the young Millwall side after their F.A. Youth Cup victory.

the club by former manager Gordon Jago, now in charge of the Rowdies, but Millwall have steadfastly refused to jeopardise their long-term prospects for the sake of quick cash.

"We are looking to all these kids to come through and establish themselves in the first team within a year or two. The essential point is they have the ability. They just lack experience and the only way to rectify that is by playing in the senior side.

"The accent is firmly on youth at the club," Petchey says. "Gordon Jago introduced a youth policy but never really pushed it. We have really worked hard to develop it ever since I came to the club.

"There will be disappointments in the side when so many youngsters are involved. That is bound to happen. But from the kids' point of view, it's great because the side is wide open . . . for them to come in and make positions their own.

"I have to admit we have never

got out of debt since I have been here, and it has been a hard fight to reduce it. We have done well to hold the club to the position it is in now.

"I will keep the kids if I can because I would always prefer to sell established players. John Seaman has been trying to get away for a year or more and that is the sort of player I would like to sell — the player who wants to leave.

"We have a great system and there are some outstanding young players coming through. You don't sell your assets if you can possibly avoid it so I don't think we will.

"As well as winning the F.A. Youth Cup in 1978-79, our juniors have been top of the South East Counties League this season and that has been achieved by 15 year olds playing in an Under-18 competition. It looks as though we have a sound footing for the future."

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"This club won't have the problems it has had in the past. The bad days are behind us. They have had one problem after another. Happily, that won't happen again and our future now has got to be a bright one."

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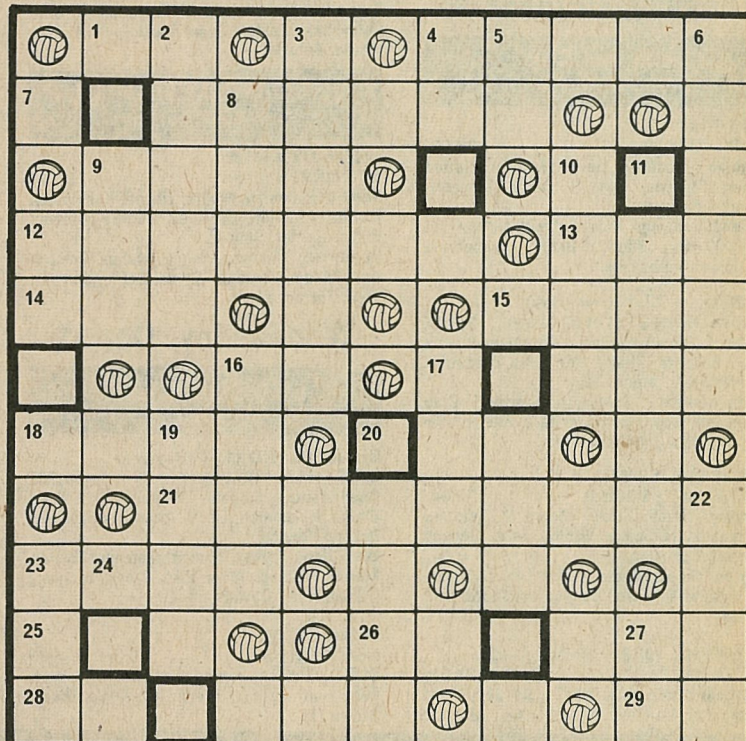
After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of an Arsenal midfield player. Answers on page 50.

ACROSS:—

- (1) Joe --r--er, "Footballer of the Year", 1949/50.
- (4) Chris --, Spurs striker.
- (7) Ground of Rotherham United.
- (9) Black---- from Bloomfield Road. The missing letters reversed.
- (10) St. M-r--n play at Love Street.
- (12) Leader of the team.
- (13) Mike --yl- of Stoke.
- (14) F.C. Col-g--. West German League club.
- (15) Infringement of the rules.
- (16) Abbreviation of Southampton's nickname.
- (17) ---low- P-rk (Walsall). "Incorrect" from the missing letters.
- (18) Group of three.
- (20) ---nsfie-d Town.
- (21) Everton player signed from Manchester City. (5 & 4)
- (23) White -- Lane; home of Spurs.
- (25) B--h-ad Park (Dumbarton). The omissions reversed.
- (26) Alvin --, West Ham defender.
- (28) Country which staged the 1970 World Cup Finals.
- (29) The first two letters of the oldest League club.

DOWN:—

- (1) A.C. -- won the European Cup in 1962/3 & 1968/9.
- (2) -a-m-rst-n Park, home of Qu-en of the South. Run away from the omissions.
- (3) Collision . . . as of a players boot with the ball.
- (4) -- Wile, W.B.A. centre-half.
- (5) Sp--ting Lisbon; European club.
- (6) Eric --, Watford 'keeper.
- (8) Brian Ta-b-- of Arsenal.
- (10) Object of hero worship.
- (11) Stirred up.
- (12) Billy-sh-r-f (Middlesbrough). Garment from the missing letters.
- (15) Scottish Division Two club from Brockville Park.
- (16) --uthpo-- lost their League place to Wigan.
- (17) -r--k Carrodus, Aston Villa.
- (19) Stadium home of Rangers.
- (20) European Cup Finalists, 1978/9.
- (22) -- Zoff; famous Italian goalkeeper.
- (23) Take three letters from West Ham for a border.
- (24) Vicar--- Road, home of Watford.
- (27) Chris Cattl-- of Brighton.



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Aston Villa

FULL NAME: Tony Morley
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BIRTHDATE: 26th August, 1955
HEIGHT: 5ft 9in
WEIGHT: 11½st
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Preston North End and Burnley
MARRIED: No
CAR: Capri S
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Pele
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Everton
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: The Tax man
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My next game with Aston Villa
BIGGEST THRILL: Winning the Mini World Cup
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Only playing around 20 games last season
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Bermuda
FAVOURITE FOOD: Most sea foods
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Swimming and shooting
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: People smoking in my company
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Wildlife
FAVOURITE SINGERS: The Eagles
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood and Diana Ross
BEST FRIENDS: I've many back home
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Alan Ball senior. He was my first boss at Preston
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Travelling to away games
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Eight youth caps and one Under-21 cap for England
PERSONAL AMBITION: To see the world
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play for England at full level
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? A doctor
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Muhammad Ali

Tony Morley

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'No substitute for encouragement'

I AM Scottish and very proud of my heritage. Football plays a big part in that heritage, and I feel sure that my football career has as much to do with the early influences in my life as it does to any natural ability.

I don't need to tell you that Glasgow, my place of birth, is a city passionately devoted to football. So from the moment I arrived on this planet on March 4, 1951, I have breathed a football atmosphere.

My father, William, was a good player. But an accident when he was 18 prevented him from developing any sort of playing career. From the day when I took my first steps, he placed a ball at my feet just so I could get the feel of it, get used to it. All the way up through my childhood my father gave me constant encouragement and help. There is no substitute for that.

I have an elder sister, Carol, but no brothers. So when I was very small I just toddled around after the ball with my father keeping a watchful eye.

He made sure I always had a ball and always had a pair of boots. I believe that no matter what career you follow, if you get the right support and encouragement, you will do far better than if you get none.

So as far as I am concerned, when I am asked who first spotted me as a player I say William Dalglish. Without his enthusiasm and his faith in me, I might never have had the opportunity to become a professional player.



'How I began'

THERE are many different ways that a young lad can be spotted as potentially professional material. Very often it stems from him representing his school team and then being selected to represent his city.

That was what happened in my case. When I was 12 and 13 I was selected from my Possil School XI to represent Glasgow. I'll never know for sure, but I probably sewed a few seeds of thought in some man's mind during that time.

Certainly I know that my first real contact with Celtic occurred when I left the Y.M.C.A. team and joined another young team, Glasgow United. We had some very good players, two of whom were on the groundstaff at Parkhead.

Then one day, Jock Stein invited us to come up and play a team of young lads he had training with Celtic two nights a week. Well we beat his team 3-2 with me playing what was then an attacking inside-forward role.

Jock Stein must have been impressed because he came over after the match and invited me to come training with Celtic two nights a week.

That was in 1966. When I turned

16, Celtic farmed me out to a junior club called Cumbernauld, and when I reached 17 I was called up to play for the reserves. That is something I shall never forget.

One of our first games was what for me represented something to worry about — an Old Firm match against Rangers reserves at Ibrox Park.

I lived opposite Ibrox at that time, so I was doubly nervous. Fortunately, we won 1-0, Joe McBride scoring the only goal. So I can honestly say I began my Celtic career with a victory in an Old Firm clash.

By 1969 I was settled in the reserves, developing my game and learning from my mistakes. Then, out of the blue, Jock Stein called me in and told me that I was not playing for the reserves that Saturday. The first team were at home to Raith Rovers, and he wanted me to stay with the squad.

I was bitterly disappointed because I naturally assumed I was going to sit and watch from the bench instead of playing for the reserves. And to me playing came before everything.

What I did not know was that Bobby Murdoch had injured a shoulder and could not play. Jock Stein looked at me and said: "I don't know what you're getting so upset about, you're playing."

Just then, Murdoch came back from having some treatment to his shoulder. He took one look at my face, smiled and sat down beside me to calm my nerves. And I needed all the calming he could manage.

I played in midfield that day and we hammered Raith 7-1, so I felt on top of the world.

Below: In action for Celtic against Dundee in 1973.





Terry McDermott, Kenny and Alan Hansen ... European Cup winners, 1978.

'Reflections on Celtic'

WHEN a player first signs for a club, the moment remains with him all his life as a highspot.

So it was with me when I finally got my name on the dotted line for Celtic.

I knew all about the club's astonishing tradition. When I arrived they were celebrating their third successive League Championship win and still basking in the glory of becoming the first British club to win the European Cup in 1967.

My only regret was that I never helped them to win a European trophy. Twice we reached the Semi-Finals of the European Cup, but both were lost in controversy, and those games stand out in my mind as bitter disappointments.

The Celtic fans are undoubtedly the best in Scotland. Their loyalty was frightening. I remember coming home after being beaten 3-0 out in Hungary to face an away game at Motherwell. We felt down and tired, but when we ran out on the pitch, the roar that greeted us made the hair rise on the back of my neck. The place was packed ... and I know the vast majority were wearing green and white colours.

I remember we lost a terribly close game in the 1972 European Cup Semi-Final to Inter-Milan, who were in turn beaten by Ajax in the Final.

But the most disgraceful game I ever played in was our Semi-Final against Atletico Madrid in 1974. Three of their 'players' were sent-off at Parkhead in a brutal match in which they simply set out to intimidate and foul all night. Ironically, having battered us to a 0-0 stalemate, they played their proper team in Madrid, produced some fine football and reached the Final where Bayern Munich did the game a great service by beating Madrid 4-0 after a 1-1 draw.

'Joining Liverpool'

IT is difficult to pinpoint the moment when I first realised that I wanted a transfer from Celtic, but not in the least difficult to recall that my reasons were nothing to do with unhappiness at Parkhead.

A footballer's life is short when compared to other careers. He must make the best possible use of his years in the game because once his career is over, he has the rest of his life to live on investments, business or whatever it was he began while still playing.

I was happy with Celtic, up to that moment my only club. I did not experience bad feeling, nor did I sense any atmosphere there. What is more, I did not leave in a rush. The story behind my move may surprise a number of people.

I can remember returning home after playing an away game and sitting down with a cup of tea. When the telephone rang I did not expect the call to alter the course of my life.

Jock Stein was on the other end of the line and all he said was: 'Kenny, are you interested in going to Liverpool?' I know I said something like 'Yes,' but before I could engage in a long conversation chat, he added: 'Good, then come up and speak to the chairman and manager.'

I did exactly that and they brought me down to Liverpool the next day on which I signed a contract and became a Liverpool player.

Anyone would think the transfer was a major occasion or something that was concluded at the end of weeks of negotiations. But this is not so. I did not want a long-drawn out saga because for one thing I knew I was going to leave my native Glasgow for the first time in my life, to live that is, and that alone was enough to make me sad. Leaving Celtic after so many years of happiness and suc-



Footballer of the Year, May, 1979.

cess was terrible.

Instinct told me that the Liverpool transfer was right for me.

So I had no reservations. But let's not forget the buyers. All the same, Liverpool had just sold Kevin Keegan to Hamburg. They were clearly losing a top-class player — someone they wanted to replace. So if anything I should say that Liverpool probably had their reservations about me rather than the other way round.

Something which does stick in my mind is watching a television documentary programme about Liverpool shortly before they played Borussia Moenchengladbach in the 1977 European Cup Final in Rome.

The most outstanding point of that programme for me was the similarity between Celtic and Liverpool as clubs. Both are family clubs where faces don't change that often, where security is high on the priorities, where players feel wanted and appreciated, where the support is constant and loyal.

I suppose one of the problems of playing for a club like Celtic is that it spoils you. I was aware of how well we were looked after and cared for at Parkhead. Not many clubs can match Celtic's type of

homely atmosphere off the field. Liverpool is one of those exceptions. I have moved from one great club to another without losing what I have grown accustomed to behind the scenes.

That television programme quickly flicked through my mind that night Jock Stein 'phoned up.

So I became a Liverpool player on August 11, 1977.

'Proud Scotland'

NOBODY was more aware than I was that Scotland's World Cup match against Iran in Cordoba on June 7, 1978, was my 56th game for my country, and established a new record total of Scottish caps.

Denis Law, one of my schoolboy idols, held the record with 55 and ironically he and I played side by side in Law's last international appearance, against Zaire in the 1974 World Cup Finals in West Germany.

But what should have been a marvellous day for Scotland and for me turned terribly sour when a player called Danaifar struck a 60th minute equaliser which we failed to better.

It is history now that we failed to live up to our potential in Argentina. But all too often it is overlooked that Scotland did qualify for successive World Cup series; that we did better than any British side has done since England won the trophy in 1966 and that we were eliminated from the 1974 competition without losing a game — something not even winners West Germany could boast.

I believe that we should put Scotland's World Cup exploits in perspective. When you look at the size of our country and compare us with other major European nations, we have a lot to be proud of.

'What football means to me'

PEOPLE often ask me what football means to me, how important a part it plays in my life? Well my first, and most obvious reply, is that football is my profession, my job, the way I earn my living and support my family.

But my feelings for football are deep on a personal level as well. I don't simply consider the game as a means to an end. And this is where footballers benefit, because we are all doing something we really enjoy. Not all people can say the same about their jobs.

For me it is all about the involvement from day to day, the companionship of fellow professionals, the challenge of competition, the battles of wits, the comparisons of skills and techniques.

It is honestly difficult for me to imagine my life without football. Not just because I chose it as my career, but simply because it has been a major part of my life so long as I can remember.

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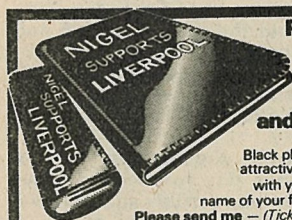
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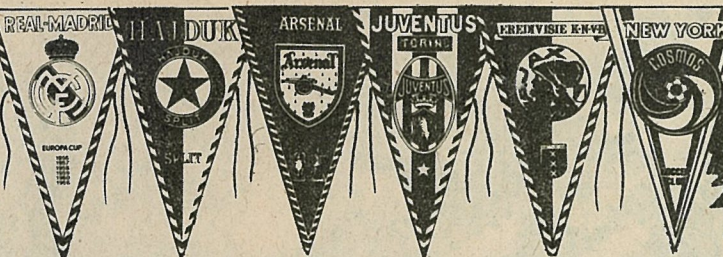
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Kempes (left) scoring the first goal for Argentina in the 1978 World Cup Final against Holland.

WHOOEVER said that Mario Kempes was a ten-day wonder should have his head examined.

Unfortunately I am talking from first hand experience and I can tell you that the Argentinian attacker is still very much a superstar.

Rangers would still be in the Cup-Winners' Cup today if that wasn't true.

As you all know Valencia beat Rangers 3-1 at Ibrox recently in the second-leg of our Second Round tie and Kempes scored twice. We had held them to a 1-1 draw in Spain, where Kempes had again scored with a wonderful free-kick.

Talent

To be honest, I was a bit disappointed with Mario in the first-leg match. He still had talent and skill, but he seemed to be falling over as soon as someone looked at him.

It was a shame to see such a naturally gifted player being reduced to this level. But what a different player he was at Ibrox!

He is like lightning in that penalty box. You take your eye off him for a moment and he'll punish you for it.

His first goal was a bit scrappy, but he still took it well. That was Valencia's second after Sandy Jardine had diverted a free-kick from Rainer Bonhof past Peter McCloy and I had equalised with a header.

Big Peter told me after the match that he had Bonhof's shot well covered until it struck Jardine. Kempes' second — the killer

'KEMPES still world class'

goal that left us realising we would have to score three to go through — was quite superb although I admit that wasn't what I was thinking at the time when I saw it go in.

He burst into our area and simply hammered a devastating right-foot shot high into the roof of the net. If the net hadn't been there I'm convinced the ball would have landed somewhere in Edinburgh!

We had all heard how Mario only used his right leg for standing on, but if that was his weak foot then I shudder to think how he can hit the ball with his left.

Anyway, the best of luck to Valencia in the next stage of the tournament. They played well against

us and if they are drawn against Arsenal at any time in the competition I can only say beware of Kempes.

Forget all the talk about his best days being behind him. The boy oozes class and confidence and when he decides to put his game together he is absolutely lethal. He'll take some stopping if he can recapture the form he showed at Ibrox.

This might sound like a broken record, but I think we learned another valuable European lesson against Valencia. You must try to take some good from the bad and we realised to our cost that there is absolutely no place in Europe for players who think the job is done

after one game.

We were confident after our first-leg display in Spain, but Europe is very much a two-leg affair and, at the end of the day, home advantage means very little if the attitude is wrong.

I'm glad to say it is not all bad news on the Derek Johnstone front. Just before the Valencia match my wife Marion presented me with twin daughters and I can happily describe how I felt at becoming a father for the first time. It was just wonderful.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who sent their kind wishes. They were very much appreciated.

Back on the soccer scene, we travel to Dens Park on Saturday (November 24th) for a League match against Dundee and we expect a tough 90 minutes. We beat them 2-0 at home earlier in the season when, amazingly enough, our goals came from Dundee players. Bobby Glennie and George McGeachie both put the ball past their own 'keeper Ally Donaldson.

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Doc's clubs

How many clubs has Tommy Docherty played for, or managed?

PEARSE KELLY,
EIRE

● Quite a few by now, Pearse!
The Doc had played only nine League games for Celtic before being transferred to Preston in 1949.

Nine years later, he moved to Arsenal — and then the last four of his 421 League games were for Chelsea. And he ended a distinguished playing-career with a total of 25 full Scottish caps.

After a short spell as coach at Stamford Bridge, he moved up to manager on 2nd January, 1962.

Later, Docherty became manager of Rotherham in 1967; Q.P.R. (for 28 days) in 1968; Aston Villa in 1969; Porto (Portugal) in 1970; Manchester United in 1973; Derby in 1977; and then Q.P.R. again in 1979.

He was also Scotland's team manager for a spell.

League & F.A. Cup winners

In 1912-13, my Dad says Sunderland were League Champions and Villa won the F.A. Cup — and I say just the opposite!

LAURIE WHITEHEAD,
ST. HELENS

● I'm afraid your Dad's right, Laurie — though both clubs were very much involved in both competitions.

Aston Villa were runners-up to Sunderland in the League — but got their revenge by beating Sunderland 1-0 in the F.A. Cup-Final.

So both clubs had a great chance of becoming the first "Double" winners of the 20th century.

But it's still the only time in Cup history that the Finalists have also been the top two clubs in the League.

Ron Flowers

Did my Dad's friend Ron Flowers ever play for England?

VAUGHAN WILLMORE,
DARLSTON

● He certainly did, Vaughan — no less than in 49 full internationals, scoring ten goals.

Not forgetting picking up League Championship medals with Wolves in 1953-54, 1957-58, and 1958-59; and an F.A. Cup-winners' medal in 1959-60.

He played 467 League games for Wolves between the 1952-53 and 1966-67 seasons — finishing off a splendid playing-career with 62 more League games as player-manager, at Northampton.

Bob Lenarduzzi

As a supporter of Vancouver Whitecaps, I'd be grateful to know about Bob Lenarduzzi's League career in England?

MARK HOLDEN,
CANADA

● As you'll know, Mark, Bob is a genuine Canadian — born in Vancouver on 1st May, 1955 — who came across

the Atlantic and tried his luck in English football.

Reading was his only League club — and, by the time he left them in April, 1976, he'd played 67 League games, scoring two goals.

Quickest

Who won the award for the fastest goal in the last World Cup in Argentina?

ALAN DIXON,
SWANSEA

● Bernard Lacombe took that one, Alan — scoring for France v. Italy 38 seconds from the kick-off.

His prize was a solid gold watch worth 2,300 dollars.

Wallace's clubs

Can you tell me the other clubs Leicester manager Jock Wallace has been associated with?

PHILIP OEUIN,
Co. DOWN

● As a player, Philip, he turned out for Airdrie, West Bromwich, Workington, Hereford and Bedford.

He was coach at Hearts and Rangers, and player-manager with Berwick, before becoming manager of Rangers.

After that, as you know, he came down South to take over at Leicester in June, 1978.

SHORT PASSES

● Highest attendance for a Fourth Division game is 37,774 — Palace v Millwall; 31st March, 1961.
(JONATHAN COX, Sheffield)

● Colin Bell gained 48 full England caps, Francis Lee 27, Rodney Marsh nine, and Mike Summerbee eight — all, except Marsh's first, while with Manchester City.
(JOHNNY DHILLON, Warley)

● Don Masson's League clubs have been Middlesbrough, Notts County, Q.P.R., Derby, and now Notts County again.
(LEE CHANNON, Kent)

● The Welsh F.A. Cup started in 1877-78; first winners were Wrexham, who beat Druids 1-0.
(MARK HOOPER, Newport)

● Chesterfield were formed in 1866; turned professional in 1891; and were first elected to the Football League in 1899.
(FRED FERRIS, Bootle)

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ACCORDING to a recent survey in a Sunday paper, Wolves had shown the biggest increase in attendances for the first third of the season, excluding the three promoted clubs. Our Molineux attendances are up by around 50,000 on last year, but a disturbing fact was that only three of the 19 First Division clubs were better off.

While I'm delighted that Wolves fans are coming to Molineux in force, I was disappointed that so many other clubs had reported decreases.

I think the reason for Wolves' increase is obvious. The team is doing much better than last season and John Barnwell has set the city buzzing by signing a few personality players. The supporters have reacted accordingly and if we keep up our present rate, we should show an overall increase of 200,000 by the end of the season.

When we played Q.P.R. in the League Cup replay it was a filthy night and in the dressing room before the game the lads were saying that we'd be lucky to get 20,000, remembering we hadn't won for four matches. In the event, around 26,000 turned up, which is a fair indication of the way the Wolves fans are coming back to Molineux.

From a personal point of view, I'm disappointed I haven't scored more goals at home — most of my Wolves goals have been on opponents' grounds. The Molineux fans have made me feel very much at home, although they won't see the best of Andy Gray until next season. By then, I'll be more accustomed to the style of play and much fitter.

I was surprised that clubs such as Manchester United, Norwich and others hadn't shown an increase. I don't think there is one single factor

that can be blamed for falling gates ... it's a combination of many things.

It isn't cheap to go to football these days; there is the violence that has plagued our game; too many teams sacrifice entertainment for a win-at-all-costs attitude, or we-shall-not-lose approach.

The downward trend is very worrying, but it's difficult to come up with a solution.

The fans may want better facilities and I don't blame them. However, it's no use having a superb ground and a poor team, because no one is going to turn up to watch a stadium! Then, if a club spends all its money on building a top team, they can't expect supporters to watch in medieval conditions.

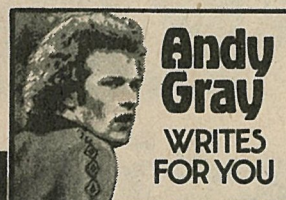
Value

I can only really speak for my own team, but we've given good value for money, especially away from home where we never adopt a defensive formation. Molineux is in the throes of becoming one of Britain's most modern stadiums, so I hope in the next few years Wolves fans can see top-class football in top-class surroundings.

I'm not in favour of tampering with the rules of the game. I don't like the idea of awarding points for goals, because a team could win the title by not winning many matches.

If we're honest, perhaps the main reason for the stay-away fans is that the overall standard of football has dropped during the 70's and we no longer have the personality players we did a few years ago.

Then, there were a dozen, even more ... stars such as George Best, Bobby Charlton, Denis Law, Gordon Banks ... and many more.



'Why





"Personality players like Emlyn Hughes (light shirt) have boosted Molineux's attendances."

Liverpool haven't had any youngsters breaking through for a while, but if I had to put money on a team to win the title it'd be them . . . or perhaps Forest.

They overran us in the second-half of our 3-0 defeat at Anfield and in the end it could have been seven or eight.

I wish I knew Liverpool's secret. Maybe there isn't one, but their consistency is little short of unbelievable. Year after year they produce the goods over and over again, doing the same Liverpool things.

Cold

It's surprising they've been knocked out of the European Cup so early in the past two seasons. It used to be the League Cup that caught Liverpool cold. This year, it was unfortunate for them that they played Dinamo Tbilisi when they weren't quite putting their game together. If the teams met now, Liverpool would win . . . but it's too late, of course. Still, chances are they'll be in the European Cup again next season.

This Saturday (November 24th) we host West Brom, which means I'll probably be facing my old Villa striking partner Dixie Deehan.

The Baggies have missed Cyrille Regis and his absence, plus the time it's taken Peter Barnes and Gary Owen to settle in, have been the main reasons why Albion have started slowly.

I tipped West Brom to be amongst the Championship conten-

Wolves topped gates table'

How many world wide stars do we have now? Kenny Dalglish, maybe. Liam Brady simply doesn't have the charisma, while it's my own fault I'm not more established on a broader basis.

Having said that, I'm pleased to see a crop of promising youngsters emerging and I only hope they keep up their current progress.

At Wolves, we have a kid who has impressed me tremendously in my few months at Molineux. He is Wayne Clarke, and he could go on to become the best of the Clarke brothers, yes, even better than former England international Allan.

Wayne has had a lot of praise, but what he must do is to put it all to the back of his mind and work as hard as he can.

John Barnwell predicted that Wayne could break through into the side, even though myself and John Richards are the established



"Clive Allen (left) of Q.P.R. has impressed me, but we still don't have superstars of the calibre of Bobby Charlton (right)."

strikers. I agree, and I'm certainly not complacent. Just because I cost a huge fee doesn't guarantee anything.

Another youngster from a football family has also taken my eye, Clive Allen, son of Les, who also played for Q.P.R. Young Clive played very well in the two League Cup-ties against us. He's sharp, worked hard, and always looked likely to score, a good sign.

At my former club, Aston Villa, there is Gary Shaw, who could be the next Kenny Dalglish. Unfortunately, Gary is English (!) but I've watched his progress and I'm sure he will soon be a big name.

Likewise Tommy Caton, the 17-year-old Manchester City defender. I've only seen Tommy on television, yet he looks cool and composed, showing a maturity far beyond his years.

Down in London, Glenn Hoddle is having his best season for Spurs and has scored a couple of cracking goals in front of the TV cameras. Glenn has realised that skill alone is not enough, and the defensive part of his game has improved tremendously.

I doubt if they'll drop down the table again, but unless they start putting some good away performances together, they'll be hard pressed to climb up to the top.

I enjoy playing against Albion as I rate John Wile and Alistair Robertson the best pair of central defenders in the League. They're hard, but play it fair, just the sort of challenge I relish.

See you in two weeks,

And. Greal

CHARLTON fan Chris Slattery was doubly upset when he broke a leg while playing football for a local team recently. Chris had to miss Charlton's match the following Saturday... and so end his remarkable record of having watched The Robins in 483 consecutive games home and away.

STAN CUMMINS ESCAPES

STAN Cummins, Middlesbrough's transfer listed forward, was involved in a five vehicle pile up. "I am lucky to be alive," he admitted. His head shattered the windscreen of his car but he escaped with cuts and bruises.

NEWS

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DESK

STOCKPORT County have picked up a bargain in Bishop Auckland forward Tom Sword. On his Football League debut Sword was a two-goal match winner against Hartlepool. Not a bad start for a player who cost £3,000 with another £3,000 promised after a certain number of appearances.

HOME GROWN

WITH the exception of goalkeeper Petar Borota, who came from Partizan Belgrade, the rest of Chelsea's staff has come through the club's junior ranks.

SABELLA'S MODEST WAGES

SHEFFIELD United manager Harry Haslam is a firm believer that all players should be paid exactly the same — and has made sure that is the case at Bramall Lane.

Says Harry: "All our players, including Argentinian star Alex Sabella (stripes), are paid the same fairly modest basic wage because I believe in paying by incentive.

"We offer good bonuses for the crowds they attract and for filling one of the first three places in the table. The point is that this way my lads are paid for results — not simply handed cash whether or not they put in a good season's work."

With United riding high in Division Three — and pulling in large crowds — Harry's recipe certainly seems to be working.



'GIVE MY PLAYERS PROTECTION' PLEADS CLOUGH

NOTTINGHAM Forest manager Brian Clough wants more protection for forwards by referees from ruthless defenders prepared to go to any lengths to stop an opponent.

Clough made the plea after watching his young Nottingham Forest forwards subjected to violent play by Arges Pitesti players in the European Cup.

And he handed bouquets for good behaviour to Tony Woodcock, Garry Birtles (right) and John Robertson after they had been picked out for special treatment by the Rumanian club's defence.

Clough has always demanded exemplary behaviour from his players and the Forest trio showed enormous restraint despite wicked provocation in Forest's 2-1 away leg victory.

"Woodcock, Birtles and Robertson were magnificent in the way they took their stick. We saw no complaints or gestures from them. We play our part by demanding that players don't crib, but forwards must be given much more protection by referees."

Forest may face more formidable



technique later in the European Cup campaign but it is unlikely that the European Champions will have to put up with anything as unpleasant as the treatment they received in Rumania.

Fortunately, justice prevailed

when Forest swept into the next round on a 4-1 aggregate.

Whether Nottingham Forest's experiences in Rumania had a lasting effect on the team is debatable but they came back to a 4-1 League hammering from Saints.

YORK City goalkeeper Joe Neenan is the latest to declare his intention of playing for the Republic of Ireland. Joe qualifies under the 'parents' rule.

HALIFAX BOSS SLAMS REF

HALIFAX Town manager George Kirby has complained to the Football Association about the standard of refereeing in the Fourth Division.

Mr. Kirby believes that too many first-year referees are appointed to matches in the Fourth.

"Managers have to be careful what they say and I intend to be as constructive as possible, but some of the decisions I have seen this season have been surprising to say the least, and generally the quality of refereeing in the Fourth Division is disappointing."

Kirby was prompted to write after his club's match against Hartlepool when one of his key players Kevin Johnson suffered a broken leg. Play was not even stopped after the crucial tackle and Kirby was bitterly upset at the time.

He feels that more former players should be encouraged to become referees instead of leaving the game or spending their time as scouts. One problem is that by the time a player retires he is around 35-years-old on average and it is too late in life to start working one's way up through the Leagues as a referee to make it to the very top.

OSVALDO Ardiles was risking injury when he balanced on top of a football (News Desk, November 10th).

The warning comes from SHOOT reader Trevor Routledge, of Jarrow, Tyne and Wear.

"It's clever but dangerous," claims Trevor. "Bobby Kerr, Blackpool's ex-Sunderland midfielder player often did this but broke his hip last season when he fell off the ball."

Moncur's young star

CARLISLE boss Bobby Moncur predicts a bright future for 18-year-old Peter Beardsley.

"He has a lot of skill and can go a long way in the game," says Moncur. Beardsley signed professional in August after playing for Wallsend Boys Club.

HANDS OFF, ARSENAL!

MANAGER Terry Neill watched the Aberdeen-Celtic League Cup Quarter-Final confrontation at Pittodrie and afterwards was immediately linked with Stevie Archibald who hammered a hat-trick. There is also talk that Neill wants Celtic's winger Davie Provan.

Some Scottish clubs have warned Arsenal not to try to tempt their stars to move to the London club.

"I'm building a team here," says Dons boss Alex Ferguson. "I want to buy players, not sell the ones I feel can do a job for this club."

Celtic, too, have no intention of selling Under-21 star Provan, who cost them a bargain £125,000 from Kilmarnock a year ago.

Arsenal may have better luck with Dundee striker Ian Redford, who has come under their microscope this season.

FORMER Dundee United favourite Andy Rolland (below), who joined Dunfermline Athletic 12 months ago, has turned down an offer to renew his yearly contract with the Fife club as player-coach.

Instead, he has decided to throw in his lot with near neighbours Cowdenbeath for the third time in his career as a senior footballer.

Andy was only a teenager when he was first signed, but in 1963 was given his release when the Central Park team decided to prune their playing staff.

A year later, when Archie Robertson was appointed manager, he returned to the playing scene when persuaded to sign up again for the second time.

In September, 1967, his consistent and stylish play caught the fancy of Dundee United. At the cost of a £10,000 fee, Rolland was brought to Tannadice, where he became an instant success.

So began a long and happy association with the Tayside club which came to an end when he left to team up with Dunfermline last year.



IT'S all happening to Geoff Hurst. One moment manager of Southern League club, Telford, the next appointed successor to Danny Blanchflower as boss of Chelsea.

His Autumn was made complete when he received the MBE at an investiture ceremony at Buckingham Palace held by the Queen.

LIVERPOOL CHECK ON GOALIE

GOALKEEPER John Turner has been attracting top scouts with outstanding performances for Torquay United.

Liverpool and Ipswich are both reported to have shown an interest in the player who cost just £500 from Reading, who had previously signed him for £2,500 from Derby County.

Now his value is considerably higher and Turner himself is keen to climb back up the soccer ladder to prove that he is a goalkeeper with a lot of ability.

JOHNNY-COME-BACK

JOHNNY Giles, the Shamrock Rovers player-manager hopes to resume playing before Christmas. Giles recently had to undergo an ankle operation in a Preston hospital.

Because of the operation Giles didn't see the friendly international between Eire and the United States. He missed out on a bit of history, because Chris Hughton of Spurs became the first black player to be capped by Eire.

BONDS MARK II

WEST Ham could have discovered a new Billy Bonds. Bonds, appointed the Hammers player-coach in July after more than 12 years as a professional with them, has helped shape the career of Southend-born Steve Hibbert, who will be 18 in January.

Hibbert, who signed professional in the close season, plays anywhere in the back four and in midfield — just like Bonds.

His favourite player? You've guessed, Billy Bonds.

FANS PEP GODDARD

WHEN Newport County's 22-year-old striker Howard Goddard broke his right leg in two places, his career lay temporarily in ruins.

But the £200,000 rated Goddard was quickly consoled as he lay in hospital in Portsmouth after being stretched off in the 2-0 win at Fratton Park.

Goddard was inundated with get well cards from Portsmouth supporters, one of whom presented him with a bottle of vodka.

The former Bournemouth and Swindon player said from his hospital bed: "I'm overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone, especially the Portsmouth fans."

"They have helped me get over the blow of breaking my leg and really cheered my up. I cannot thank them enough."

SEVEN young apprentices from Vancouver Whitecaps are learning the trade with Shamrock Rovers during the Winter. If any of them show exceptional talent they could line up for the Hoops before returning to Canada.

FACTastic

ONE of the strangest goals ever scored happened at Tottenham on April 2nd 1952 against Huddersfield Town. The game looked like ending in a goalless draw when, with only seconds to go, Spurs were awarded a corner. Eddie Bailly took the kick, the ball struck the ref and rebounded straight back to Bailly, who promptly centred it for Len Duquemin to head home. The referee signalled a goal despite protests from the Huddersfield players and Spurs won the match.

NEXT WEEK



Will Trevor Francis claim Kevin Keegan's European crown?

Just the job for Bob Latchford



Tony Currie returns to the London streets of his boyhood.

Bobby Clark — Is this the end?

Mick Mills — and his Ipswich team in full colour Club Spotlight.

Did Brian Clough sell Archie Gemmill too soon?

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Bertha at the Palace

BIG Bertha is not sleek. Nor is she fast. She is not even particularly comfortable — and she's hard on petrol.

She won't be appearing at the Motor Show this year, or any year.

But if anyone says anything nasty about this rather special limousine down Crystal Palace way they are likely to get an earful of abuse.

For Big Bertha is a specially converted roller, the pride and joy of Len Chatterton, the First Division club's head groundsman. The vehicle is a converted Fiat 500 car.

Palace's fans have been invited to suggest a name for the roller. So, until they come up with one, I'm calling her B.B.



CLUB SPOTLIGHT

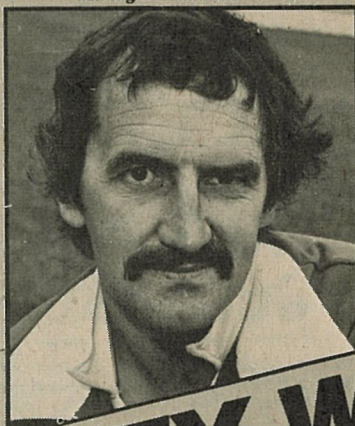
THAT is the reassuring message from Fratton Park in the wake of Portsmouth's stuttering halt to their promotion charge in the Fourth Division.

Four defeats in seven games have sent Pompey tumbling from top place and suddenly the buoyant air that swept through this soccer hotbed has turned to a chill breeze of concern.

Even the victories over Darlington and Hartlepool were fortunate affairs that brought Frank Burrows' men the points with late face-saving goals.

Certainly, manager Burrows is largely unruffled. He refuses to panic and says: "When things like this happen, there's only one thing to do — roll your sleeves up higher and work harder to put the situation right."

Manager Frank Burrows



POMPEY WON'T PANIC!

Those sentiments are endorsed by his assistant Stan Harland, an old team-mate at Swindon whose official title at Fratton Park is chief scout.

He explains: "It doesn't matter if you're the best team in the country, nobody is going to go through the season without losing a few games."

"It's been out of character for us to lose games like this, now we've

got to show the character to come back." The string of disappointing results has also opened the door for the men pushing for a first team place. Burrows refused to get carried away by the euphoria that surrounded his team's early run and continued to scout avidly in a bid to strengthen his squad.

He has been proved right. Now Pompey have felt the draught of defeat he has the men ready to step in and take over.

Winger Ian Purdie, signed from Wigan for £20,000, midfielder

Kenny Todd and striker Phil Ashworth, who scored twice on his debut and was dropped, are all available to step into the breach.

Even so, Burrows vows he will continue his search for new players, adding: "To me, the manager who says his squad is strong enough is doomed."

At the moment, however, he must put Pompey back on the glory trail with the squad at his disposal — and quickly.

Two defeats by Newport and other setbacks at Torquay and Doncaster have let Huddersfield in

to take over top spot, only a few weeks after Pompey played them off the park at Leeds Road.

Bradford are also closing in and the threat of Newport, Walsall and Lincoln gives an even greater urgency to Pompey's cause.

But Burrows and his players know how good they are. That magnificent run at the start proved that Pompey are streets ahead of most Fourth Division sides and it's a view readily emphasised by lads

like Colin Garwood and defender Peter Ellis.

Garwood has found his goal-scoring touch after a lean spell last season and says confidently: "We haven't played well recently but we can play better, and when we do, there are no teams to touch us."

Fair-haired Ellis is the only local lad in the first team and has settled in well at the heart of the defence since a calf injury ruled out Steve Davey.

He adds: "We've obviously had a bit of a hiccup in the last few games but once we get back on the right lines I can't see us having too much trouble. Looking at the Fourth Division, there are four or five outstanding ones and the rest are pretty mediocre."



Chief Scout Stan Harland

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S Quiz Time

1. Ted MacDougall scored the 200th, 250th or 300th League goal of his career when he was on target for Bournemouth against Rochdale?

2. Millwall signed Jimmy Sweetzer, a reserve striker, from Oxford United, Hartlepool or Doncaster Rovers for £15,000?

3. After being out of the side for five games, Derrick Parker returned for which Third Division club and scored two goals against Exeter City recently?

4. The Football Association have extended Ron Greenwood's reign as England manager until after the 1980 European Championship or 1982 World Cup Finals?

5. Why was the Lincoln City v. Aldershot Fourth Division game postponed on November 7th?

LEAGUE CUP
The Fourth Round of the League

Cup was played recently. See if you can answer the following questions about the games.

6. Goalkeeper Kevin Keelan broke the Norwich City appearance record when he played his 613th, 633rd or 663rd game for the club in the 0-0 draw with West Brom at The Hawthorns?

7. Which Liverpool player came on as substitute and scored the two goals that beat Chesterfield 2-0 at Anfield?

8. Did Alvin Martin or David Cross score West Ham's winner in the 2-1 defeat of Sunderland in a replay at Upton Park?

9. Who was Grimsby Town's two goal hero in their shock 2-1 win over Everton at Blundell Park?

10. Swindon knocked Wimbledon out of the competition. Did they win 1-0, 2-1 or 3-2 and was the game at Plough Lane or the County Ground?

EURO CUPS

The Second Round, second-legs of the European Cup competitions were played in early November. Can you answer the questions?

11. True or false? Rangers went out of the European Cup to Valencia 4-2 on aggregate?

12. Who were the Nottingham For-

est goalscorers in their fine 2-1 victory against Arges Pitesti?

13. Arsenal reached the Quarter-Finals of the Cup-Winners' Cup when they beat which East German club 4-3 on aggregate?

14. Kevin Beattie, Paul Mariner (left) or John Wark scored Ipswich's goal in their 1-1 draw with Grasshoppers?

15. What was the result of the Leeds United game v. Craiova in the U.E.F.A. Cup at Elland Road?



ANSWERS:

1. 250th. 2. Oxford. 3. Southend United. 4. 1982 World Cup. 5. The pitch was waterlogged. 6. 663rd. 7. David Fairclough. 8. Cross. 9. Mike Broll. 10. 2-1 at Plough Lane. 11. False — it was the Cup-Winners' Cup. 12. Ian Bowyer and Garry Birtle. 13. Magdeburg. 14. Beattie. 15. Leeds lost 2-0.

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

ACROSS: — (1) Me. (4) Jones. (7) Millmoor. (9) Loop. (10) Ire. (12) Captain. (13) Doe. (14) One. (15) Foul. (16) St. (17) False. (18) Trio. (20) Mal. (21) Brian Kidd. (23) Hart. (25) Ego. (26) Martin. (28) Mexico. (29) No.

DOWN: — (1) Milan. (2) Elope. (3) Impact. (4) John. (5) Or. (6) Steele. (8) Lot. (10) Idol. (11) Roused. (12) Coat. (15) Falkirk. (16) Sort. (17) Fan. (19) Ibrox. (20) Malmo. (22) Dino. (23) Hem. (24) Age. (27) In.

Jumbled Name: GRAHAM RIX.

PORTSMOUTH



BACK ROW (left to right): Keith James, Colin Garwood, Archie Styles, Steve Bryant, Terry Brisley. THIRD ROW: Peter Ellis, Derek Showers, Trevor Roberts, Alan Knight, Peter Mellor, Steve Osgood, Steve Aizlewood, Alan Rogers, Graham Mariner. SECOND ROW: Steve Davey, Leigh Barnard, John Lathan.

Gordon Neave (physio), Stan Harland (scout), Frank Burrows (manager), Jack Smith (youth manager), John McLaughlin, Jeff Hamerman, Joe Laidlaw, Keith Viney. FRONT ROW: Dave Leworthy, Bruce Kendal, Kevin Bartlett, James Watkins, Peter Tindal.

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